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TOKYO DISCREDITS 'PEACE OFFER' REPORTS

Terms With Soviet 'Completely Friendly'

Japan, On All Out Fighting Basis With "Anglo-Americans"

NEW YORK, May 18. (Reuter): A Tokyo commentator branded reports of the peace talks as "propaganda" in a broadcast picked up here today.

He said that by abrogating all pacts with Europe, Japan has now established "a clear-cut structure according to which she is on completely friendly terms with the Soviet Union and on an all-out fighting basis with Anglo-Americans".

ALLIED REACTION TO TOKYO OFFER

LONDON, May 18. (Reuter): The Peace offer made by Japanese Industrialists through the Soviet Government evidently also reflects the view of the present Japanese Government, as seven out of the ten members are closely connected with "Big Business" writes Jon Kimche, Reuter's military correspondent.

Now that the news has been made public of this peace approach, the Allies will be able to see if the Japanese Government can assert itself against military and Fascist diehards particularly, those commanding Japanese armies in China and Manchuria.

The Soviet comment, reported from San Francisco that in the view of the Soviet Government, the Japanese offer is no guarantee against further aggression, confirms the view held in London that the Soviet Government will from now on pursue a more active policy in the Far East.

One form which well-informed diplomatic circles consider Soviet policy will take is an ultimatum to Japan to the effect that unless Japan accepts full Allied surrender terms and cedes her conquests on the mainland, the Soviet Union will join the Allies to remove dangers of further Japanese aggression. The next move now is clearly with the Japanese Government.

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Nippon's Totalitarian Party Dissolved

NEW YORK, May 17 (U.P.A.): The Japanese have dissolved the 'Imperial Rule Assistance Association", Nippon's totalitarian party, the Tokyo Radio reported today.

WHY STRIP BURMESE PEOPLE OF THEIR RIGHTS?

"Birmingham Gazette" On Britain's "Curious Method Of Liberating Them"

BIRMINGHAM, May 18. (Reuter): Criticism of the Government policy towards Burma is voiced to-day by the "Birmingham Gazette" which in an editorial states, "It is not possible, we are told, to re-establish the Burmese Government as it existed in 1941. It is proposed, therefore, to ask Parliament to sanction for three years' continuance of the form of Government under which the administration is carried on by the Governor in direct responsibility to the Home Government.

There may, of course be other reasons for this decision, which we do not know. But on the face of it, to strip the Burmese people of the rights which they possessed before the war seems a very curious method of liberating them: and the excuse that Burma is now poorer and faced like ourselves with the gigantic problem of post-war reconstruction seems wholly inadequate. It is adding insult to injury.

Government would not dare to make any such proposals in the case of India. Why should what is bad for India, be good for Burma?

Compare U. S. Attitude To Philippines

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter): The Burma White Paper is likely to arouse considerable controversy, writes Ernest Jay, "Daily Herald" political correspondent. "Burma has been virtually liberated from the Japanese, but the statement of policy issued on the authority of Mr. Leopold Amery, Secretary of State for India, takes the curious view that in consequence of the war, her pre-war Government cannot be restored. The excuse for this is that Burma has been seriously disorganised by the Japanese invasion.

The comparison, will, however, be made with American attitude to the Philippines, which have suffered equally with Burma but are being given their full political liberty", he writes.

"WELL ADVISED"

LONDON, May 18 (U.P.A.): The "Financial News" asserted today that the British Government was "well-advised" in the issuance of its White Paper on Burma because if Burma were given dominion status immediately, many British companies would lack an inducement to return to the country.

No "Quislings"

LUCKNOW, May 18 (A.P.I.)—"The White Paper on Burma which has now been released is anything but an inspiring document. The policy proposals for future Government of the country contain little over which Burmans, whatever be their political complexion can enthuse," says the 'Pioneer' commenting on the White Paper on Burma.

The paper adds "The long period of tutelage envisaged in the White Paper during the early years of which at least representative Burmans will function at best in mere 'advisory' capacity in the Government of their country, will cause universal disappointment. The allegation that the majority of Burmans are 'Quislings' has been refuted by the highest military authorities with first hand knowledge of operations in Burma

"A Test Case"

LONDON, May 18 (U.P.A.)—The London "Daily Herald" today predicted that there is a likelihood of considerable controversy over the Government White Paper on Burma, while the "Daily Worker" says the proposals will "increase the mistrust of Britain to a disastrous degree."

The "Herald" compares the British with the American attitude 'vis a vis' the Philippines, which are being given full liberty.

The "Daily Worker", points out that the British government prestige on professions of democracy will be seriously damaged in liberated countries, as Burma is the first British possession to be liberated.

"It has been looked upon as a test case," the paper said.

Why Treat It As Conquered Country?

MADRAS May 18. (A. P. I.): The "Hindu" says "the action of the British Government is in striking contrast with that of the United States in the Philippines "the nature of the "Interim" Government provided", adds the paper, "suggests that Burma is to be treated not as a liberated nation of friends but as a defeated and conquered country. Though the Government will be civil in form it appears that in substance it will be almost akin to the rule of martial law; in any case it will be ruled by orders-in-council to be liberalised at the discretion of His Majesty's Government from time to time".

SPOTLIGHT ON SOVIET DIPLOMACY

Creating Vast Defensive Glacis From Baltic To Adriatic

LONDON, May 18 (From A.P.I. Special Correspondent).—Analysing the motives at the back of the present diplomatic complications between Russia and the Western Powers the influential non-party weekly review 'The Economist' writes, "the whole effort of Soviet Diplomacy is now concentrated on the creation of vast defensive glacis stretching from the Eastern and Central Baltic to the Adriatic Sea.

"Stettin is to serve as the western-most bastion in the north and Trieste in the south. Every territorial claim that may strengthen and widen the defensive glacis is sponsored and encouraged, no matter how justified or unjustified the claim seems to be by ethic or political standards. Nationalisms of small nations are stirred and kindled to the utmost. Yugoslavs are encouraged to insist on the incorporation of Trieste and Carinthia. Austrian nationalism too must have its reward and so the demand is raised that Austria should regain the whole of the Tyrol from Italy. Poland, pushed back beyond the Bug in the East, is to reach out for the Oder and the Neisse in the West, while Koenigsberg is to become purely Russian."

Asking against whom are these strategic bastions being erected the 'Economist' says, "The fear that seems to dominate all Russian policy is the fear of an anti-Russian coalition, of which Germany might be the spearhead."

Denmark Breaks Off Relations With Japan

LONDON, May 18 (U.P.A.): The Danish Government has broken off diplomatic relations with Japan and has also informed the Chinese Puppet Government at Nanking that it considers Chungking the only legal government in China, according to the Swedish Radio, monitored by the BBC.

Chinese Puppets Break Axis Pact

HONOLULU, May 18. (U.P.A.): Radio Tokyo reported in a broadcast to-day that the Chinese Puppet Government at Nanking had abrogated the anti-Comintern pact, following the earlier Japanese lead in that respect.

New English Daily For Madras

The Government of India have permitted Mr. C. Nageswara Row of Bombay to start a new English daily in Madras. It will be named "Morning Star" and is expected to come out shortly.

LAHORE DECREE AGAINST GOVERNOR-GENERAL

LAHORE, May 18 (A.P.I.)—An important point of law was decided today by a Division Bench of the Lahore High Court consisting of Justice Abdul Rashid and Mr. Justice Khosla when Their Lordships passed a decree of Rs. 36,000 against the Governor-General-in-Council under the Fatal Accident Act of 1855.

The facts of the case were that one Mr. Wells, fireman in the North-Western Railway met with an accident when Seven-Up Mail in which he was on duty collided with a local train at Mirpur Mathelo on Dec. 10, 1937. Mr. Wells died on account of the injuries after a couple of days. The deceased's wife instituted a suit for damages of Rs. 1,42,182 against the Governor-General in Council for her benefit and for the benefit of her two children. The Lower Court dismissed the suit holding that the deceased was in common employment with Mr. Burk, driver of the ill-fated train by whose negligence the accident took place.

An appeal in 'forma paupera' was lodged by Dr. Mohammad Alam, Advocate, on behalf of Mrs. Wells in the High Court.

Mr. Justice Abdul Rashid and Mr. Justice Khosla after hearing the arguments of Dr. Mohammad Alam and the Advocate-General for two days awarded a decree of Rs. 36,000 holding that the plea of common employment was not open on the defendant after the employers Liability Act of 1938.

Mahatma Blesses Birla Mission

KARACHI, May 18 (A. P. I.): It is reliably learnt that Mahatma Gandhi in the course of his communication to Mr. G. D. Birla, has given his blessings to Mr. Birla's mission to the United Kingdom and the United States.

Mr. G. D. Birla and Mr. N. R. Sarker were entertained at a tea party arranged in their honour by the Karachi Indian merchants this evening. Earlier, Mr. Birla accompanied by Rao Bahadur Shivratan Mohatta visited the Marwari High School in Karachi.

When Wavell Will Return

No Truth In Press Reports

LONDON, May 18. (Reuter): I have authority for stating that there is no truth in the report published in India that the conversations between Lord Wavell and members of the British Cabinet and Government will be concluded this weekend, cables E. Fraser Wighton, Reuter's political correspondent.

As previously indicated, no official announcement of any kind has yet been made as to when the talks will conclude.

In a despatch earlier this week I mentioned, says Wighton that no further discussions had taken place with Lord Wavell this week, but a very natural explanation of this and a contributory factor the prolongation of Lord Wavell's stay was that the War Cabinet and other Ministers had been preoccupied with the enormous pressure of events associated with the collapse of German resistance.

Himmler May Be Taken Into Custody Any Time

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—Second Army authorities know where Himmler is and presumably could take him into custody at any time, reports the "News Chronicle" war correspondent in a despatch from Lueneburg.

NEW CAMPAIGN STARS.

LONDON, May 17. (Reuter): The King has instituted six new Campaign Stars, the official statement from Buckingham palace said tonight. They are: the Atlantic Star, the Aircrew Group Star, the Italy Star, the France and Germany Star, the Pacific Star and the Burma Star.

'FRISCO MAY PROVE FIRST-RATE FIASCO

Amazing Moves And Counter-Moves On Security Chessboard

Will U. K. Keep Her Long Finger From European Pie?

From S. A. SABAVALA, "Chronicle" Special Representative

SAN FRANCISCO MAY 17. All is serene on the San Francisco front. With the conference swinging into its final stages the Secretary of State, Mr. Stettinius, has reported excellent progress to the President, and from Friday (May 18) the Commissions will meet in the open session to formulate the drafts under the various sub-headings, that will make up the Charter.

The issues on Trusteeships and Regional Pacts have been resolved—one suspects more out of exhaustion than because an agreement has been reached on them.

For instance, the Soviet remains very much on the fence as to Trusteeships. It was known that the Russian Government had made several very interesting, though informal, suggestions, among which was the setting up of a separate organisation to expedite the self-government of dependent countries. Nothing has been heard of this since Commissar Molotov's last press conference.

Then again on the question of regional pacts Latin America, though acquiescent, is by no means satisfied. The act of Chapultepec is nearer its heart then U.N.C.I.O., and it is more

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Threatening Clouds Over 'Frisco Horizon

Mr. S. A. Sabavala "Chronicle" Special Representative.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.

Here are the hour to hour developments that are taking place as the conference climaxes to a speedy conclusion. The work is being despatched with all possible speed as tension between Russia and the Western Allies continues to rise in Europe.

The chairman of the Social and Economic Committee, Sir A. R. Mudaliar, has announced a decision on the purpose of the Council as being the promotion of a higher standard of living and full employment for all irrespective of race, creed or religion. He emphasized the importance of the words "for all".

A question was asked as to whether any machinery for the observance of human rights was going to be set up. He replied that that will be for the new Council to decide, once it has been established under the Charter. He also suggested that all Member States should take a pledge to observe some of the fundamental objectives of the human rights.

In the Trusteeship Council, Dr. Wellington Koo will move the amendment that the Trusteeship Council will help develop the independence or self-Government of all dependent peoples in forms appropriate to the varying circumstances of each territory.

DOMINATED NATIONS

The World Council of Dominated Nations which represents India, Korea, the British West Indies and all other dominated territories, demanded of the Secretary General of U.N.C.I.O. that they be permitted to lay their case at the Plenary Session before the Full Council of the United Nations. The offer has been turned down.

William L. Shiuey, internationally known journalist, heads an impressive array of newspapermen, in a memorandum submitted to Secretary Stettinius asking that World Freedom of Communication be included in the Charter. Mr. Stettinius in his reply has stated that the Freedom of the Press and Radio throughout the world is dear to the hear. of the American Delegation and that together with the Charter on human rights this freedom will take its rightful place in the Charter.

Each of the four Commissions will start meeting in open session from May 18 and conclude the work of their respective committees. It is now expected that the San Francisco Charter on International Organization will be drawn up and ready by June 1.

THREATENING CLOUDS.

Meanwhile, it is reported that the Yugoslavs, instead of giving up Trieste, are about to demand Fiume and Istria. De Gaulle in a temper over not being invited to the forthcoming "Big Three" conference which may decide the peace of Europe has precipitated another crisis and it is believed here that the hurried departure of Mr. Badault and M. Bonnet is connected with this.

The non-recognition of the new Austrian Government by the Western Allies is also leading to a fresh rupture between the "Big Two" and the "Big One". While the peace of the world is being constructed at San Francisco new and threatening clouds are gathering on the horizon.

Japanese Cruiser Sunk Off Penang

British Warships' Exploits In Naval Action In Malacca

LONDON, May 18. (Reuter): British warships sank a Japanese cruiser off Penang in their first action in the Malacca straits for three years, it is disclosed in an Admiralty communique to-day.

The only British losses were a few casualties aboard one destroyer. Presumably this is the action reported by the Japanese, when they claimed to have sunk one British cruiser.

The Communique said, "A Japanese fighting cruiser of the Natio class (ten thousand tons) was sunk by His Majesty's ships and naval aircraft of the East Irdies fleet last Wednesday (May 16) in a position about fifty miles west south-west of Penang, Malaya Peninsula.

The enemy was first sighted in north Malacca strait by Venge aircraft operating from the escort carrier Shah. The cruiser was proceeding on a south-easterly course and was accompanied by one destroyer A small supply ship and a submarine chaser were sighted in the vicinity.

Allied Advance In Burma

ADV. HQ. ALFSEA, May 18 (A.P.I.)

"Heavy bombers of Eastern Air Command, attacking the Andaman Islands yesterday, badly damaged a jetty at Chatham island, the jetty and marine workshops in the Phoenix Bay and destroyed the jetty and station at Hopetown", says today's S.E.A.C. communique.

"Other formations damaged two bridges south of Chimphon, on the Bangkok-Singapore railway.

"Allied medium bombers attacked a troops basha, north-east of Leftpadan, strafed dug-in positions south-east of Tharrawaddy and bombed ammunition dumps north-east of Toungoo.

"One Allied aircraft is missing

"Fouteenth Army Front: West of the Sittang river, 30 miles north-east of Pegu, our troops continued to clear enemy pockets of resistance.

"In the Toungoo area, slight progress has been made along the road running east to Mawchi against stiff opposition.

"East of Thazi on the road into the Shan Hills, our troops have made a further advance.

"Elsewhere mopping up operations are proceeding satisfactorily.

"82 West African Division Front: Patrols have entered, 66 miles north of Taungup, without opposition.

"Troops advancing east along the Prome road have reached a point 30 miles south-east of Taungup. There is no opposition.

Further Stage In Liberation Of Burma

RANGOON, May 18 (A.P.I.)

The link-up established by 26th Indian Division's lancers racing northwards from Rangoon with the men of 20th Indian Divisions cavalry speeding down from Prome about sixty miles from Rangoon, marks one more stage in the liberation of Burma, writes an Indian Army Observer.

From Taikkyi the leading battalion received a messenger from 400 members of the Indian National Army telling them that all the Japanese had gone from there. They asked for transport to bring them back. The battalion sent them a message to march in for disarming which they did, while the battalion pushed ahead.

Japs Retreating Towards Kinhua

CHUNGKING, May 18 (Reuter): The Chinese troops who withdrew from Foochow, the Chinese "invasion" port opposite the Japanese mainland island of Formosa, fighting back against reinforced Japanese units are outside the city, the Chinese Communique reported today.

The Communique reported that the fresh Chinese successes in the "backbone" of the province of Western Hunan where the Chinese fighting in intense heat are closing in on the city of Paoching.

The Japanese are retreating towards Kinhua, ninety miles south-west of Hangchow, the capital of Chekiang, the Chinese Coastal Province, following the loss of a small town.

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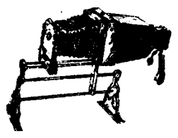

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STORY OF SEARCH WARRANT

Diamond Merchant's Evidence In Purdy Case

Further evidence was recorded in the case in which Murray Gow Purdy and Edward Dennis Gee are being prosecuted for robbery, causing grievous hurt, unpersonation etc., at the resumed hearing in the court of the Chief Presidency Magistrate on Friday.

Popatlal Bhogilal Shah, junior partner of H. B. Shah and Co., Diamond merchants continuing his evidence narrated how on the night of 23-24 April, the two accused came to his residence at Iswar Nivas, Marine Drive. He stated that it was about ten minutes past midnight, when the door bell rang, and he found the two accused, Purdy in a military uniform and Gee in the uniform of an officer of the Bombay City Police force. They told him that there was a warrant to search his office and produced a document purporting to be a warrant. They said that the witness was suspected to be in touch with the enemy through Fl. Lt. Mendelsohn who was connected with the former Belgian firm of M. and H. Mendelsohn who were the agents of Shah and Co. Witness pleaded that the search might be postponed to the next day because of the absence of his elder brother. The accused are alleged to have rejected his plea and taken him along in a taxi.

The case will be resumed on Wednesday next.

PLAN FOR ORGANISING KISANS AND WORKERS IN MAHARASHTRA

POONA, May 16. (U.P.I.): Plans for organising the Kisans and workers of Maharastra under the auspices of the Congress, were chalked out at a meeting of the Maharastra Congress Constructive Programme Committee, held at Kankawali, in the Ratnagiri District, under the presidentship of Mr. B. G. Kher, ex-Premier of Bombay.

The original Kisan-sub-committee was enlarged to include 25 members. A clear definition of a 'Kisan' was formulated to include only those who till the lands themselves for their own maintenance. All persons paying Rs. 100 or more as land-tax or owning more than 25 acres of land were excluded from this definition. It was decided to organise Kisan Committees, from villages upwards, and to work for the welfare of the Kisans with peaceful and legitimate means.

The constitution of the Hindusthan Majdoor Seva Sangh was approved and it was decided to organise labour under its auspices.

The next meeting of the Constructive Programme Committee will be held at Saswad near Poona.

CLEARING OF JUNGLE AND DEBRIS IN BASSEIN FORT

BOMBAY, May 17 (A.P.I.)—The work of clearance of jungle and age-old deposits of debris from the once magnificent churches and castles of the Portuguese in the Bassein Fort, near Bombay, will be speeded up this year by the Archaeological Department. A scheme costing Rs. 12,000 has been drawn up for carrying out this work during this year and the present step, it is hoped, will be a prelude to the thorough conservation of the masonry of those historic buildings.

The Department is expected to take about four years to complete its work. The Roman Catholic community in the province whose interest in the preservation of these monuments is religious will undoubtedly welcome this action of the Government.

The half a dozen churches and an equal number of buildings in the fort used by the Portugeuse Governors and their entourage for residential purposes date back to 16th and 17th century and Gothic tendencies of their architectural form and features are even today strikingly apparent in the ruined remains of the buildings. The Department is also doing its best to conserve other ancient monuments in this western part of the country.

The Colankhi Tank at Viramgam beyond Ahmedabad which is the only example of its type yet existent in its entirety is being put through a course of costly masonry repairs for the last several years and is likely to receive that attention for several years more when it will have assured for itself a much longer lease of life than would be its fate otherwise. The tank belongs to the times of the Hindu Solanki Dynasty which ruled Gujarath in the 12th and 13th century.

Amended Rule Regarding Consumer Goods Import

NEW DELHI, May 18. (A.P.I.): A press note says: By a notification in the Gazette of India, the Government of India have now amended the rule regarding information to be furnished to the Controller-General of Civil Supplies in respect of imported consumer goods included in the schedule to the consumer goods (control of distribution) order 1944". Henceforth, every importer of a scheduled article is required, within one week from the date of his receiving intimation of the despatch of a consignment from any place outside India, to furnish to the controller general of civil supplies a description and quantity of the scheduled articles and how he proposes to dispose of them on arrival, and the expected date and place of arrival of the consignment in India.

Col. Franks Memorial Fund

A fund has been opened to commemorate the memory of the late Colonel K. F. Franks, Deputy Director of Recruiting and Chief Civil Liaison Officer, Southern Area, Poona.

The objects of the fund are to place a plaque in St. Mary's Church, Poona, and to endow a scholarship or scholarships at the Royal Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun, for a Maratha boy or boys.

Contributions may be sent to the Honorary Treasurer, Colonel Franks Memorial Fund, c/o the Technical Recruiting Office, Staunton Road, Poona.

NATIONAL SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

Bombay Govt. Reply To Bhulabhai's Charge

The Government of Bombay has seen the Press reports of the proceedings in the Central Legislative Assembly on February 10, 1945, in which Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, M.L.A., is reported to have said that in Bombay, when the revenue assessment was paid, five rupees out of every twenty were taken as paid towards National Savings Certificates and the taxpayer was called upon to pay five rupees more to make up the amount of the assessment; and until it was paid receipts were withheld.

All inquiries instituted by the Government have found no foundation for this allegation. All authorized agents for the sale of National Savings Certificates are non-officials, and the local committees constituted for the popularization of these certificates are also composed wholly of non-officials. Indeed, under the orders of the Government, all Government servants, including talatis and village patils, are prohibited from taking any part whatever in the sale of War Loans and National Savings Certificates.

Prosecution For Murder Recommended

Coroner's Jury Record Verdict On Tragedy In Kamatipura

Anwar Hussein Shah Gulab Shah is alleged to have been murdered in a scuffle that took place at 3rd lane Kamatipura on the 10th April, by suspect Ahamed Din Shabuddin.

In the course of the inquest eight witnesses were examined before the Bombay City Coroner.

Manohar M. Nadkarni of the C.I.D. Branch stated that on the 10th April in consequence of a statement made by the suspect, he took him to the Nelson Laundry at Khetwadi. The suspect himself pointed out the laundry and he saw the clothes of the suspect which were blood-stained. He took charge of them in the presence of a panch.

The verdict recorded was that homicidal stab wound injuring the heart was the cause of the death. This was one of eight incised wounds inflicted by the suspect by means of a sharp weapon. It was a terrible crime. The suspect Ahamad Din Shabuddin ought to be prosecuted for murder under S. 302 of the Indian Penal Code." was the verdict recorded.

The suspect for whom Mr. Talpade appeared stated that he will give his statement in the High Court.

Rents And Hotel Rates Control Act

The second part of the Bombay Rents, Hotel Rates and Lodging House Rates (Control) Act (1944) provides for the control and regulation of residential and other premises. In the City of Bombay, the provisions of this part of the Act apply to premises let for any other than storage of goods. In the Bombay Suburban District, however, it is applied to any building or part of a building let for residence only. In view of the establishment of several business concerns in the Suburban District and of the fact that the conditions prevailing there are similar to those in the City of Bombay, the Government considers it essential to extend the provisions of the second part of the Act to business premises in the Suburban District.

The draft of a Bill to achieve this object is published for the information of the public. Objections or suggestions in respect of it should be submitted to the Secretary to the General Department, Government of Bombay, by June 25.

More Standard Cloth To Be Produced

BOMBAY, May 18 (A.P.I.): Over a thousand million yards of cloth have so far been distributed to the various provinces and states under the Standard Cloth scheme by the Government of India, since its inauguration 30 months ago. It is stated that the demand for such cloth continues and the varieties manufactured under the scheme are popular besides. The provinces and states are said to be anxious for the continuance of the scheme and the Government of India not likely to abandon it in the near future.

Since the scheme has been in operation, the mills have been asked to produce 1,127,944,000 yards of standard cloth and according to the latest returns from the provinces and states 745,000,000 yards of cloth have already been sold.

Drive For More Manpower

BOMBAY, May 19 (A.P.I.)—To meet the demand for man-power as our forces advance, more and more men are being released from labour at army base establishments in India. To fill their places civil labour is being recruited.

Enlisted either directly or through army recruiting organisations, the men for civil labour are taken to Thana, Bombay, where they are medically examined. After collecting clothing, they are sent to Dehu and during the first fortnight are taught personal hygiene and sanitation. Communal cooking solves the problem of food. The normal rate of pay is 12 annas a day, with free rations, clothing accommodation and medical attention. Some of these men save Rs. 15 to Rs. 18 a month. In one camp recently, Rs. 25,000 were sent by the workmen in money orders in one month.

Recruitment is chiefly from Gujarat, Pathans and Mahars from this Province predominate.

PLIGHT OF MALEGAON WEAVERS

(From A Correspondent).

MALEGAON, May 18.—The Secretaries, Muslim League Congress Majlis, Ahrar Labour Textile Union, Malegaon, writes: Corn scarcity is serious. 27,000 weavers are unemployed, more than half the looms are stopped. The remaining factories notified to be locked by 30th May. Absence of urgent Government help will ruin Malegaon."

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BANDRA MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ON MAY 27

Nationalist Party's Assurances To Voters

The Bandra Nationalists Party has submitted an appeal to the voters to elect its members in the forthcoming Bandra Municipal Elections on Sunday, the 27th May.

The Party assures the voters and the public in Bandra of the amelioration of the conditions of the people in the district and an attempt at closer co-operation between the Board and the people. The members of the Party, it is reported, have Congress affiliation though they are not members of the Congress and have vowed to further the interests of the voters and the public as Nationalists.

The following persons from the party are seeking elections from different wards: P. G. Kher ('A' Ward); Ratanchand Sesmal ('B' Ward); S. G. Joshi and Rajabahadur Indrajit ('F' Ward); Vasant G. Wandrekar ('E' Ward), Chandulal Sarabhai Modi, M. A. Thaggars, D. B. Kirtikar and Y. G. Mehta ('G' Ward); Narandas Tulsidas Nandubhai, V. N. Desai, T. P. Vyas and Nathubhai Desai ('H' Ward) and Pranjivan G. Gandhi 'I' Ward).

Indian "Brain Trust" Talks For Br. Troops

BOMBAY: To give British troops on their arrival in India information about the customs and habits of the country a panel of seven officers, drawn from the Indian Civil Service, the Indian Police, the I.A.M.C. and other army officers has been set up at Bombay. As well as lecturing on their respective subjects to incoming British Servicemen these experts will give talks to troops likely to stay in the area. Mr. E. J. Jenner, Deputy Commissioner for Police, Bombay, has already given his lectures on the police systems in Bombay City and Province.

Admission To Grant Medical College

The latest date for the receipt of applications from candidates seeking admission to the First Year Class at the Grant Medical College, Bombay, has been extended to June 2. No application received after this date will be considered.

Offer Of Two-Anna Remission Again

Last year, when the Bombay Growth of Foodcrops Act was applied for the first time, it was announced that the Government of Bombay would grant, for 1944-45, a remission in land revenue of two annas in the rupee to all holders of land in villages to which an order under section 4 of the Act was applied, provided all the holders in the village carried out the direction given in the order.

Collectors will grant the remission to every village in which every holder has complied with the order under section 4. They will overlook minor breaches when they are satisfied that the village as a whole has clearly done its best to comply with the order.

During the season of 1945-46, when orders under Section 4 of the Act will be extended to all areas to which the Act has been applied, the two-anna remission will be offered again.

Summer Training School For Sevikas

The inauguration of the above School will take place tomorrow (Sunday), at 6-30 p.m. in the compound of the King George High School, Hindu Colony, Dadar. Shri Bhulabhai J. Desai, Leader of the Congress Party in the Central Legislative Assembly, will preside and deliver the inaugural speech.

Apart from the lessons in physical culture, drill, etc., there will be two lectures every day on some of the essential subjects. The following, among others, will conduct the classes: Smt. Kamaladevi, Smt. Hansaben Mehta, Dr. B. C. Das Gupta, Dr. K. S. Mhaskar, Dr. K. R. Masani, Dr. Rehman, Shri B. C. Kher, Shri Nagindas T. Master, Shri M. Y. Nurie, Shri Anil Chanda, Shri Purshottam Kanji, Mr. K. T. Mantri and Prof. Anjaria. Mrs. Anli, wife of the Turkish Consul General, Bombay, will address the Sevikas on "Women's Emancipation Movement in Turkey."

RASHTRABHASHA PRACHAR IN GUJARAT

With the foundation of Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti, Wardha, under Gandhiji's guidance, the work of Rashtrabhasha Prachar began in Gujarat in 1937. During these 8 years, about 50,000 persons have appeared at different Rashtrabhasha Prachar Examinations. There are 175 centres and about 500 Pracharaks in the Province.

DEATH OF SHETH GAJANANDJI CHANDGOTHIA

It is announced with profound regret that Sheth Gajanandji Chandgothia, resident of Ratangarh of the firm of Messrs. Nagarmal Baijnath died at Muzaffarpur (Behar) on Vaisakh Sudi 13th Wednesday, dated 10-5-45 at the age of 68 years. The funeral was attended by distinguished and prominent citizens and the body of the deceased was taken to the banks of Ganges (Patna) by train and was cremated there.

The deceased gave in charity Rs. 11,000 before his death. He was simple and amiable and carried respect in society.

May God bestow peace on the soul of the deceased and enduring power to his family.

Hon'ble Sir Shantidas Askuran, Kt., Address Meeting.

A Public Meeting under the joint auspices of several Commercial Bodies and Mahajans of Mandvi Locality will be held at Dana Bunder (Near Masjid Bunder Bridge) on SATURDAY the 19th inst. at 8-0 p.m. (S.T.) to present an Address to The Hon'ble Sir Shantidas Askuran, Kt., J.P., when Mr. M. A. Master, President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, will preside.

CITY AND SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Vaishakh Shud 8, 2001.
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Parsi: Ader 18, 1314.
Sunrise: 7-3 a.m. Sunset: 8-7 p.m.
Hightide: 6-46, 19.38.
Lowtide: 1-34, 12-40.

To-day's Engagements

CITIZENSHIP COLLEGE: Principal Chanda of the Shantiniketan will conduct classes on 'Rural Reconstruction' to-day, (Saturday), at 10 a.m. Mr. M. R. Masani on 'History of the Socialist Movement in India' at 3 p.m.

"NATION'S PURSE TO NEHRU": The Mogaveera Yuvaka Sangha will conduct a public collection for a week commencing from Saturday the 19th inst. for the above cause organised by 'Blitz'. Volunteers will go round the City during the week mentioned.

SARASWATI SANGEET SAMAJ: Sitar recital by Pt. Ravishankar accompanied by Khansaheb Allarakha on Tabla at 9-30 p.m. to-day at the Ramnarain Ruia College Hall, Matunga at 9-30 p.m.

SHANMUKANANDHA SABHA: Musical Entertainment by Sangeetha Vidwan Tanjore Laxminarayanan and party at 5-25 p.m. on Sunday at the S.I.E.S. High School Hall, Matunga.

ALL-INDIA SCHEDULED CASTES FEDERATION: "The meeting that was to be held under the auspices of the 'D Ward' Scheduled Castes' Federation on 19th inst. at Gowalia Tank Maidan has been cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances".

ALL-INDIA CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION: A special meeting of workers, well-wishers and sympathisers of Balkan-Ji-Bari, Matunga Branch, will be held on Sunday, at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.), in Khalsa College Compound.

BALKAN-JI-BARI: Psychological Study Class will be held to-day at 5 p.m. (S.T.) at the Fellowship School, Gowalia Tank.

SOCIAL WORKERS' SOCIETY: For sanitary rounds and visiting chawls, the members of the Society will meet to-day at 5-30 p.m. at the Sassoon Dock tram terminus and on Sunday 20th at 10 a.m. at Reay Road Station.

"BOMBAY TAMIL SANGAM: Lecture in Tamil by Sri Ramakrishna Sastri of Kallidaikurichi on "Valmiki and Kamban" at 5 p.m. at S.I.E.S. Samaj."

GREETINGS TO SOVIET UNION: There will be a public meeting to greet the Soviet Union on the victory, to-day at 6-30 p.m. at Blavatsky Lodge. Mr. N. M. Joshi, M.L.A., (Central) Secretary All-India Trade Union Congress will preside.

Messrs. R. A. Khedgikar (B. P. T. U. C.), Harindranath Chattopadhyaya, Dr. R. Naidu, Mr. R. M. Jambhekar and Mr. B. T. Ranadive will be the speakers.

INDIAN CHRISTIANS' ADDRESS TO MAYOR: An informal meeting of the Indian Christians of Bombay was held on 6th instant at St. Anne Girls' High School, Dabul, presided over by Mr. Jos. Alex Dias. It was resolved to present in the name of the Indian Christians a congratulatory address to Dr. Jos. Alban D'Souza on his being elected Mayor of Bombay.

A large Committee with Dr. J. A. Collaco as Chairman and Messrs. V. X. Fialho and M. F. D'Souza as joint Secretaries and Mr. John Soriano D'Souza as Treasurer has been appointed.

LATE MR. J. P. JASHI: At a meeting of the Congress Dal held at Dadar, tributes were paid to the late Shri Jhinabhai P. Joshi, Vice-President of the B.P.C.C. and a condolence resolution was passed.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "Our God and other Gods" will be the subject of a free public lecture to be delivered at 6-15 p.m. on Sunday at Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp. Flora Fountain.

REQUISITIONING OF F. MOLEDINA SANATORIUM: Mr. Ahmed E. H. Jaffar, a prominent Cutchi Memon leader of Poona, has issued a statement in connection with the proposed requisition of Bai Fatmabai Moledina Sanatorium at Deolali stating:—"I wholeheartedly support the appeal issued by the Cutchi Memon leaders of Bombay appealing to Government not to requisition Bai Fatmabai Moledina Sanatorium in Deolali which is the only Cutchi Memon Sanatorium where poor Cutchi Memons from different parts of the Presidency can go to recoup their health".

ARTILLERY FIRING PRACTICE: Artillery firing practice will take place in Bombay on May 28, 30 and 31, in addition to the dates already mentioned (May 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 24, 25 and 29).

BHUJ STUDENTS' LOCAL CONFERENCE: The Bhuj Students' Local Conference will be held at Bhuj on May 26th. Bombay Students' Worker Mr. P.M. Joshi will preside over the conference.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION: "With reference to Clauses 417 and 446 of the Post and Telegraph Guide relating to preservation of telegram drafts in Telegraph Booking Offices, it is notified for information of the public that the period of preservation of these drafts in the Bombay C.T.O. and the local offices has been extended from 7 to 14 days in the case of Inland telegrams and from 7 to 20 days in the case of Foreign telegrams, after which they will be sent to the Telegraph Check Office, Calcutta.

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12-30 p.m. Sindhi Songs. 12-45 News (M). 12-50 News (G). 12-55 News (H). 1-0 Mixed Melodies. 1-30 News (E). 1-40 Music. 2-30 At Two-Thirty. 4-20 Children's Programme (G). 5-0 Shyam Sardesai. 5-30 L. C. Mathur. 5-45 Topical Talk. 5-55 Locals. 6-0 Children's Programme (H). 6-30 News (E). 6-40 News (H). 6-45 Music from Film. 7-0 Sandeshe. 7-15 Moghubai Kurdikar. 8-15 News (M). 8-30 News (G). 8-45 For Universities, Chapter and Verses some poems of Edward Lear. A London Transcription Service Record of the B B C 9-0 News (H). 9-20 News (E). 9-30 B B C News. 9-45 Spotlight on News (E). 10-0 "Hirakani" (M). 10-30 Sapta-Padi

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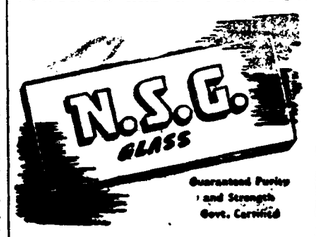

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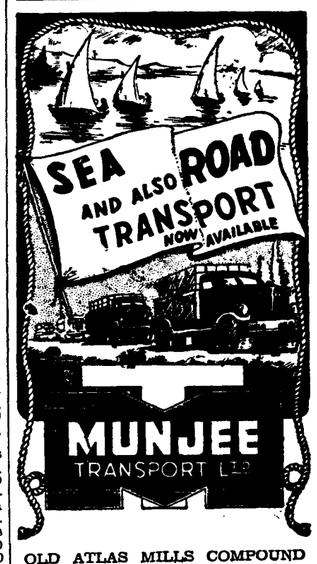

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Enter Ishimmi; Vicious Fighting Going On For Possession Of Whole Naha

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter): United States marines are inside Naha, the capital of Okinawa cables Devinder Anand, Reuter's Special Correspondent.

Smashing their way across the shallow, muddy estuary of the river Asato in the face of fierce fire from Japanese entrenched in the rubble and ruins of the town, they have established themselves firmly in the capital.

Vicious fighting is now going on for possession of the whole of Naha.

Another American success in the long bloody battle for this stepping stone to the Japanese mainland was won when American infantry in a surprise attack without artillery support crossed some of the roughest terrain in the island to enter Ishimmi, a town a little over a mile north of Shuri.

Naval gunfire and artillery opened up as the attack progressed and Reuter's Correspondent at Pacific Fleet Headquarters cabled to-day that naval guns alone have fired 25,000 tons of shells into Japanese positions since the Okinawa campaign began.

As Americans won more ground on Okinawa, carrier planes from a British task force were pounding targets on the Sakishima group of islands 200 miles to the south.

Several towns and airfields on the Miyako and Ishigaki islands group were heavily hit and a Japanese oil storage dump was set ablaze. Several small coastal craft were sunk or damaged and a number of Japanese aircraft destroyed.

American army Mustang fighters went right up to the vicinity of Tokyo to deliver a low level attack on an airfield 17 miles from the Capital. They destroyed seven aircraft, probably destroyed two and damaged 33. Their own losses were one.

STRONG JAP OPPOSITION ON MINDANAO

On Mindanao, Americans pushing forward from the north through grass 12 feet high are now within 45 miles of other troops driving up from the south. Strong organised Japanese opposition is being met.

In a six mile advance along the central highway, Americans have reached the outskirts of Valencia and are two miles from the main airfield on Luzon.

The American noose is closing round the Japanese in Manilas Ipo Dam area. Correspondent at General MacArthur's Headquaters reports that this is the first time in this theatre that Americans have enveloped a relatively large and fully equipped Japanese force.

Heavy Fighting On Tarakan

MELBOURNE, May 16 (Reuter): Heavy fighting has been raging for five days east of Pamoesian Oilfields on the island of Tarakan, off the north east coast of Borneo, it was stated today at the Australian Army Hqs.

The Japanese, who are firmly entrenched defied determined attacks and inflicted casualties despite bombardment by naval guns, planes and artillery. The Japanese counter-attacked only once preferring to make harassing night raids.

Enemy dead counted now number 430.

U. S. Plan To Keep Jap Islands

NEW YORK, May 16. (U. P. A.): Columnist William Philip Simms, writing from San Francisco, said to-day:

"The chief obstacle in the plan for U. S. retention of Japanese Islands has been within the U. S. delegation itself, due to the fears that Russia would use it as an excuse for further expansion.

"But it is now believed that Russia will expand anyway in the Far East, hence there is an increasing American inclination to go ahead".

CIVIL WAR IN SINKIANG?

NEW YORK, May 17. (U. P. A.): Civil war is raging between Chinese troops and Moslem tribesmen in the south-western Chinese province of Sinkiang, according to a New York "Times" dispatch from London quoting persons who just arrived from the area.

It is believed that the Moslems hold Kuldja, mineral center which controls the mountain passes to Kashgar and Tacheng, the dispatch added.

Chinese Withdraw From Foochow

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter): Chineces forces have withdrawn from Foochow following the arival of strong Jap reinforcements, according to a radio flash picked up here.

NET ROUND GERMAN CRIMINALS DRAWING TIGHTER

Allied Military Govt. Carries On Great New Gestapo Manhunt

LONDON, May 18. (Reuter) The Allied Military Government is rapidly tightening the iron grip on the Reich, cables Khalek Quereshi Reuter's Special Correspondent.

In a great new Gestapo "manhunt" scores of German secret police have been rounded up and the net is steadily drawing tighter round German war criminals still at large. Offences involving death penalty are being dealt with promptly and firmly and already about a dozen death sentences await confirmation by the Commander-in-Chief.

At the same time the Supreme Headquarters has clamped down on top-ranking Nazis who will be treated no better or no worse than the international convention demands. Press interviews have been banned and investigations are being initiated into the guilt of Admiral Doenitz in connection with war crimes.

As these stern measures are enforced, a great effort is being made to remedy the effects of Nazi rule by freeing large numbers of German political prisoners and providing aid for the victims of the regime.

At Hamburg a vast requisitioning scheme has been thrust on the German population forcing them to provide extensive amenities for a host of former slave workers hitherto forced to live in squalor on the outskirts of the city.

All indications point to a steady hardening of Allied policy. The Allies are getting tough.

S. H. A. E. F. TO TAKE OVER FROM DOENITZ GOVT.

LONDON, May 17. (Reuter): Allied policy on the "Doenitz Government" was clarified at Allied Supreme Headquarters in Paris to-day, where it was explained that as prisoner of war his services are being used for SHAEF'S purposes, cables Devendar Anand, Reuter's special correspondent.

At the same time, it is expected to be announced soon that a SHAEF mission has taken over from Doenitz.

Although no Government is recognised in Germany Admiral Doenitz is conceded as representing the armed forces, which were the "de facto" power in Germany at the time of the surrender.

U. S. A. READY TO NEGOTIATE TRADE TREATY WITH INDIA

WASHINGTON, May 16. (U. P. A.): Informed sources said to-day that the United States is ready to negotiate a reciprocal trade treaty with India whenever India is willing.

Negotiations for such a treaty were begun in 1938 but suspended in 1940, supposedly because the British Government felt it was inopportune to sign a pact at that time.

Nucleus Of Syrian National Army

DAMASCUS, May 16, (Reuter): The Syrian Chamber of Deputies to-day ratified a law for "the protection of national independence" which envisages forced labour for citizens endeavouring to destroy national unity, the death penalty for citizens for provoking disturbances at the instigation of foreign Governments and confiscations of all property of anyone who "engages in the service of a foreign state".

The Government is to send a mission of 20 students to the Military School at Baghdad Iraq. They will eventually constitute the nucleus of the officers' cadre of the new Syrian National Army.

Auchinleck Inspects Liberated Indian Prisoners

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter): Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief in India inspected Indian prisoners of war who are staying at Roehampton rest camp to-day.

The men are spending a week's leave in the capital.

To-day they visited the India House where Gen. Auchinleck inspected them

Doenitz's Guilt Under Investigation

LONDON, May 17. (Reuter): Mr. Anthony Eden Foreign Secretary, back in the House of Commons to-day from the San Francisco Conference, stated that the question of Admiral Doenitz's guilt in connection with war crimes was under investigation. He gave this reply to a question and added that, according to newspaper reports, Admiral Doenitz had been arrested.

WORST NAVAL DISASTER OF WAR

Details Now Available Reveal How British Cruiser 'Curacao' Was Sunk In October 1942

LONDON, May 18. (Reuter): Information is now made available of one of the worst naval disasters of the war—sinking of the British cruiser "Curacao" by the liner Queen Mary on October 2, 1942 when she was carrying American troops to Britain.

Queen Mary collided at right angles with the cruiser which was acting as escort. The cruiser was sheared in half being carried a considerable distance with one half on each side of the giant liner.

In five minutes the "Curacao" had sunk. There were 338 casualties of whom 25 were officers.

At the time there were over 15,000 American troops on board the Queen Mary which was travelling all out for Clyde with an escort of two cruisers.

A look out man raised the alarm that a suspected U-Boat have been sighted on the port bow ahead. Immediately, the great liner wheeled to starboard to take the avoiding action. At the same moment the "Curacao" was racing towards the submarine. Over 80,000 tons travelling at nearly 30 knots crashed full tilt into the cruiser. Nothing could have withstood such a shock.

INDEPENDENCE FOR COLONIALS

Urged By 'Izvestia' Correspondent

MOSCOW, May 15. (U. P. A.): Commenting on the proposed reorganization of the colonial mandate system, Evgeny Zhukov, "Izvestia's" correspondent at San Francisco, said: "Clearly from the standpoint of effect organization security, the new international organization cannot fail to undertake the task of expediting independence and the achievement of full sovereignty for colonial countries. The fulfilment of such aims would be the greatest contribution to the cause of international security and the establishment of a durable, just peace".

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Soviet Exposes

PROPAGANDA OF NAZI CRIMINALS IN ALLIED HANDS

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter): The Moscow radio English commentator today declared that all German "war criminals", from Goering down are continuing to serve actively the cause of Hitlerism, using the only means they now have at their disposal—propaganda.

"Strange as it may seem", he said, "Goering, Rundstedt, Kesselring, Falkenhorst, Guderian, Frank and many other German war criminals have not been rendered harmless by their capture. These disciples of Goebbels have not had much difficulty in getting over their propaganda. Correspondents have been only too eager to take down and disseminate whatever stuff they wanted to be disseminated.

"Certain of the statements made by these super-criminals should even sound innocent, though a careful analysis of the widely publicised material on what prominent Hitlerites in Allied hands have been saying shows that there is a system in their stock of deliberate falsehoods.

"Their obvious intention is to bring discord into the Anglo-American-Soviet coalition.

"Germany's Field Marshals, who were so completely beaten in this war, want to lay the ground for a real come-back at some later date."

NEW YORK, May 17 (Reuter): The United Aircraft Corporation announces that it is sending Mr. Charles A Lindbergh to Europe "to continue studies conducted in 1944 in the Pacific area in connection with the Corporation's activities in the development and production of aircraft engines and propellers for the Army and the Navy"

U. S. TROOPS OVER-RUN NAZI SLAUGHTER HOUSE

The bodies of Hundreds of former slave workers of the Nazis were discovered by soldiers of the Third Armoured and 104th Infantry divisions, First U. S. Army in a Nazi concentration camp in Nordhausen, Germany which usually contained about 4,000 prisoners. They died of starvation or were shot by Gestapomen.—U. S. O. W. I. Radiophoto.

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MERCHANTS AGAINST NATIONALISATION OF INDUSTRIES

Demand Popular Govt. For Successful Implementation Of Govt.'s Industrial Policy

CALCUTTA, May 17. (A.P.I.):—The need for the establishment of a National Government at the Centre and of popular Governments in the provinces as one of the first pre-requisites for the successful implementation of the Government's industrial policy, is stressed by the Committee of the Indian Chamber of Commerce in a communication addressed to the Planning and Development Department, Government of India.

Such a National Government, the Committee suggest, should be independent of any control from His Majesty's Government both in economic and constitutional matters.

Expressing themselves against nationalisation or state control of industries, the Committee hold the view that as long as private Indian capital is forthcoming there is hardly any need for Government to enter the field even in case of important industries such as shipbuilding, manufacture of locomotives and boilers.

The Committee also object to the continuation of war-time controls and the imposition of new ones as such a policy "would hamper industrial progress and damp initiative and enterprise".

Pearl Buck Says Asiatics Will Follow Soviet Example

NEW YORK, May 16. (U. P. A.): "The subject and semi-subject peoples of Asia are saying plainly that there now is for them an alternative to Imperialism", and that alternative lies along the path followed by Russia, said Pearl Buck, noted American authoress, in an address at New York's Town Hall Forum tonight.

"The Asiatic subject peoples are saying 'the way Russia has gone we can go..... Russian peasants learned how to make their own machines and so can we—we do not need to do it for our rulers'", Mrs. Buck added.

She asserted that "there are no people to-day in Asia who are not considering Russia's example".

"India's future leader will not be a graduate of Cambridge or Oxford and it is doubtful, too, if he will speak English", she continued, adding that "these facts have nothing to do with Communism but they have everything to do with realism".

Mrs. Buck's speech was enthusiastically received by a large audience.

"TIMES" ON INDIAN INDUSTRIAL MISSION

LONDON, May 17 (U.P.A.): The "Times" said in an editorial today that the arrival in London of the Indian industrial mission headed by J. R. D. Tata and G. D. Birla is symptomatic of new tendencies manifesting themselves in Indian economic life.

These new tendencies, according to the "Times", are:

(1) Recognition that the trend of economic and political development throughout the world favours co-operation, rather than isolationism;

(2) Indian planned economy entails scientific application of technical resources and technical knowledge which India cannot furnish exclusively herself;

(3) That British co-operation and assistance in the process of development are compatible with effective Indian direction and control.

The presence in the mission of Sir Ardeshir Dalal, planning and development member of the Viceroy's Council, will ensure that the central government's own schemes for economic progress will be made available to the mission.

KING FAROUK'S SISTER WEDS

CAIRO, May 17 (Reuter): The marriage of Princess Faiza a sister of King Farouk, with Aly Raouf a grandson of Khediv Ismail was celebrated today in Abdin, Palestine.

Paifi Maraghi Sheikh of El Azhar read the marriage contract which King Farouk signed on behalf of his sister; the bridegroom then signed it.

A salute of 21 guns was fired from the only relatives and leading court dignitaries who attended the marriage ceremony.

In the afternoon a reception was held at the Palace of the Queen-Mother, Queen Nazli.

There will be rejoicing for the Royal family for a week beginning today.

ATTLEE AND NOON IN BRITAIN

LONDON, May 16. (Reuter): Sir Firoz Khan Noon, Indian delegate to the San Francisco Conference, arrived in Britain to-day by air.

He had travelled back from Washington with the Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Clement Attlee and Miss Ellen Wilkinson. The journey took 30 1/2 flying hours.

Amery & Labour Party Resolution On India

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter).—The Secretary of State for India, Mr. Leopold Amery, in the House of Commons tonight received a deputation of some members of the Labour Party Executive Committee, headed by Professor Harold Laski—Vice-Chairman of the National Executive Committee, cables E. Fraser Weighton, Reuter's Political Correspondent.

The Labour Party delegation presented to Mr. Amery the resolutions on India which were adopted by the annual conference of the Labour Party in London in December 1944.

It is understood that Mr. Amery had a general discussion with the members of the delegation on the Indian political situation as a whole.

11,000 Cotton Bales Gutted

(From Our Correspondent).

JUBBULPORE, May 16. — About 11,000 cotton bales worth Rs. 35,00,000 were gutted by a fire which broke out in the ginning factories at Ujjain, says a Khandwa message. Cotton worth thirty lakhs was insured.

CONTRIBUTION TO NAGAR MEDICAL COLLEGE

(From A Correspondent).

ALIGARH, By Mail.—Messrs. Syed Mohd. Hamid and Syed Husain of Muzaffar Nagar have contributed Rs. 25,000 for the Medical College fund to commemorate the memory of their father K. B. Amir Hasan and his brother K. B. Ahmed Husain (Banny Mian). A fitting memorial will be put on a suitable place in memory of the splendid work they did for the Aligarh Muslim University.

Mr. Ismail Hasan Zuberi has collected Rs. 5,892/5 from Karachi and Hyderabad (Sind) for the Medical College Fund. The prominent donors are: M/s. S. J. & G. Fazal, Rs. 523; Mr. Iqbal Hussain c/o Hafiz Shareef Husain, Rs. 52b; The Transport and Carriers Syndicate (Rukunddin) Rs. 501; Mr. Ghulam Rasul Blunguri, Rs. 500.

The Musalmans of South Africa are evincing keen interest in the proposed medical college at Aligarh. The Vice-Chancellor has received another donation of Rs. 328/3 from that country from A. A. Cajee, Esqr., 55, Berlandina Street, P.O. Box 94, Roodeport, Transvaal.

TWO OUTLAWS ARRESTED.

PESHAWAR, May 16. (U. P. I.): Falak Sher of Abba Khel and Mehrab of Sheri Khel, two notorious outlaws of Lakki Marwat, were arrested by a party of police. They were being harboured in the village of Sheri Khel within the jurisdiction of the Fezu police station. During firing which ensued Falaksher was slightly injured on the foot.

L. Hukam Chand of Ahmed Khel who had been kidnapped along with his wife and two sisters on the 27th April has been released without payment of any ransom.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If we must choose, we prefer dying on our feet to living on our knees. But before it is too late we want to do what we can to live for liberty rather than to die in its defence.

—Harold Ickes

The Bombay Chronicle

OUT OF THE FRYING PAN—

A couple of days ago the "Times" of London wrote in a leader that the relations between India and Burma were much strained, that "with the emergence of an autonomous India and self-governing Burma, the present tension would be disastrous, not only to their own real interests but to the success of any plan for regional security of South-East Asia", but that "fortunately it is still within the power of Britain to draw them together". We at once felt that something sinister was brewing behind the curtain, and that under the pretext of drawing the two countries together Britain was planning to continue indefinitely her control over both. The Burma part of the plan is now before the world and that about India may not be far behind. The Burma White Paper tightens on liberated Burma the old chains of British imperialism. The Governor's autocracy, introduced in 1942 under war conditions, is to be permitted to continue till December 1948, though the war is almost ended. In other words while the Burmese looked forward to full self-Government on liberation from Japan, they are now stripped of even the 1935 reforms.

Will the reforms be restored soon after December 1948. Not necessarily. They will be restored only when 'the conditions in the country permit"—of course, Britain will judge whether the conditions, laid down by herself, will permit or not. One condition already specified is that the British Government "will require the energetic co-operation of all sections of the Burmese people". But what of complete self-Government? That, within the British Commonwealth is the "ultimate objective". But it can be attained only when the representatives of the Burmese people reach a sufficient measure of agreement "between the various parties and sections". Note here too the familiar device of not deciding by definite majority voting, say, of two-thirds but of insisting on agreement between "various parties and sections". Even if such agreement is reached, self-Government is not certain. Britain will then "enter into discussions with representatives of Burma with a view to satisfactory agreements". In short till December 1948 the Governor's autocracy is practically certain. After that progress is most uncertain.

The excuse for all this is that Burma has been ravaged by war and needs Britain's continued help. Not even a school-boy will accept this plea of altruism. They are honester and more efficient ways of helping Burma without denying her the liberty to which she is entitled and which alone will so enthuse the people to toil for recovery. Britain's proposed deal cannot but depress the Burmese terribly. The Philippines too have been ravaged by war but are being given liberty by America for the very reason that liberty alone will expedite their recovery. Even a British paper like the "Birmingham Gazette" is constrained to remark that to strip the Burmese people of the rights which they possessed before the war seems a very curious method of liberating them and that the excuse that Burma is now poorer and faced with a gigantic problem of reconstruction is only "adding insult to injury". The paper adds that Government would not dare to make any such proposals in the case of India and asks why what is bad for India should be good for Burma. In India there is already the autocracy of the Viceroy and deliverance from it is not in sight. The Burma deal reveals a determination "to hold what is ours". Both India and Burma should take note of that and should get together, in a different way from what the "Times" of London has suggested.

Jap Offer

There had been rumours for some days about a Japanese peace approach through the Soviet Union. Now Reuter's Special Correspondent at San Francisco corroborates them, definitely claiming to have it on good Soviet authority. He also gives the details of the offer allegedly made over the head of the militarists on behalf of the Emperor. Reuter's report is plausible enough for a number of reasons. First, no one in Japan can fail to see that her ultimate defeat is certain and inevitable. It is also clear to every body that the defeats and destruction in men and material in Japan as well as outside so far endured and already grave enough are due to grow in gravity rapidly and on a mounting scale. On Okinawa the Japs have offered the strongest and most bitter resistance of the whole Pacific War. But it has been of little avail and Japanese spokesmen themselves are now admitting the virtual hopelessness of the situation. They also openly realise that the fall of Okinawa will open up grave military possibilities against Japan.

There is also the fear of Soviet intervention, despite the fact that the Japs need the good offices of Russia to approach Britain and America. This is evident both from the anxiety expressed by the Jap Press and also from the agitated Jap assurances to and about Soviet Russia Finally, the banning of the totalitarian party, the Imperial Rule Association, may be regarded as a gesture by the Emperor of dissociating himself from military and naval extremists. But the offer is no more than a tentative beginning. Its terms clearly show that a long stage has yet to be covered before shooting ceases. The terms are not only unacceptable but they are almost impertinent in that they ignore China and actually seek to retain their Chinese conquests. This is not even the Himmler stage of Japanese collapse. But the most important point is that Japan has acknowledged the loss of the war. Once a country does that the end is only a matter of time.

Frankly Speaking

The King's Lead

Speeches delivered by the King, especially to Parliament, are written by his Ministers. So is the speech he made the other day in reply to Victory addresses from the Lords and Commons. It is, therefore, natural that what the King said followed the lines of Mr. Churchill's recent speeches and broadcasts. But there is one passage which deserves to be noted here, "I have", said King George "done my best to discharge my duty as the constitutional sovereign of a free people ....." How effectively and pointedly does this emphasise the contrast between the respective situations in Britain and India! Incidentally, might one hope that Their Highnesses of the Princely Order in India have noted this passage in the King's speech? Does not their loyalty, proclaimed in and out of season, to the Crown and the King Emperor demand that they should follow, at least to some extent, the practice of their King?

Asia And Imperialism

In an address at New York, Mrs. Pearl Buck pointed out that "the subject and semi-subject peoples of Asia are saying plainly that there now is for them an alternative to Imperialism and that alternative lies along the path followed by Russia". This is no more than a statement of the actual fact. There is much in the Soviet Union that the subject and semi-subject peoples of Asia do not like. But there is a great deal more that they like and welcome. The Soviet Union has proved itself a successful challenge to the misfortunes and disadvantages that the poor and disinherited suffer not only individually but as dominated nations. Asia is now more than ever conscious of that evil, Imperialism. And by what is trying to do at San Francisco Imperialism itself is helping in the process of its dissolution.

Welcome News

The Chinese Minister of Information, Dr. Wang Shih Chieh, is reported to have declared at Chungking that "for the first time the Chinese fighting on their own territory now have not only air support but also air superiority". He also attributed current victories in western Hunan to co-ordination between Sino-American grounds and air forces. This is a welcome development. It is easy to see what a great blessing even adequate, let alone superior, air strength must be to the Chinese who have suffered for over seven years and suffered helplessly the horrors of air domination by the Japs. But Dr. Wang's good news does not mean that the tide has turned. The latest report that the Chinese have had to withdraw from the port of Foochow sufficient to sober down optimism.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

A warm reception doesn't warm one up on a chilly day.

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The small boy loves his neighbour as himself—if she gives him something to eat.

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Surely the man who deceives himself is an easy mark for other deceivers.

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The cynic thinks that a hypocrite is a married man who pretends to feel sorry for a bachelor.

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The relations of a man's first wife nearly always rejoice in the troubles he has with his second.

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Nothing is so fatal to the romance of a stolen kiss as to have the girl sneeze at the wrong time.

AZAD'S HEALTH

BANKURA, May 18 (U.P.I.): It is understood that Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President, is keeping good health, although occasionally he suffers from tooth trouble or sciatic pain. He is having a good sleep. The Civil Surgeon and the Superintendent of the Jail visit him daily.

A strong rumour is prevailing here that the Maulana will be released shortly.

Buchenwald And Bengal

British Journalist's Indictment

LONDON, May 18. (U.P.I.): "The British public are as much party to the injustices and sufferings heaped on the Indian people as the German public are party to the atrocities of the concentration camps", writes Mr. John McCormick, the Durban correspondent of the "Tribune", in this week's issue of the paper.

Mr. McCormick writes: "For far too long now, it has been only too painfully familiar to be acquainted with gruesome details of the sufferings and hardships of the Indian people by responsible journals and periodicals.

"Now what has been the reaction of the British public to all this? Well, in my opinion, they have been acquiescent about the Government's policy in India except for sporadic outcries elicited by such as Bengal famine.

"Remember that cartoon of sweetmeat being served at dinners in a restaurant with seven-course meals on the menu while outside Indians were lying in gutters and dying of starvation.

"The British public are as much party to the injustices and sufferings heaped on the Indian people as the German public are party to the atrocities of the concentration camps. They both condon what they don't resist. After seeing newsreels of the skeleton frames of Buchenwald prisoners, I could not help thinking of the conditions of many Indians.

"As far as the victims are concerned, those sufferings are none the less real, because they have been starved indirectly by British Imperialism than if they had been starved by Nazi brutality.

"As long as this state of affairs exists, it is sheer hypocrisy to condemn the Germans of their acquiescence to Nazi persecutions."

OUR READERS' VIEWS

A Tragic Contrast

Almost the first Official Act of the Government of Great Britain, immediately after the termination of hostilities on continent, was the repeal of the emergency war measure, the Defence of Realm Act, so that even such a dangerous and violent pro-Fascist British leader, Sir Oswald Mosley, who was detained for years, was at once set free. The fact of Great Britain being still at War with Japan, was no excuse for continuance of this odious measure for a day longer than was absolutely necessary.

Here in India, almost simultaneously, as if it were a part of the official programme of Victory Celebrations, appeared in the Gazette, the Government Notification, renewing the terms of detentions under Defence of India Rules, of some Congress Leaders and members of Working Committee.

It came as a cruel irony and tragic contrast. No wonder, Congressmen are not so enthusiastic about Victory Celebrations, and white caps were so conspicuously absent from jubilant victory crowds. Victory Bells to some Indians, must have sounded like, political death-knells of unfortunate India, the only big country in the world that naturally enough, cannot sincerely and heartily participate in these Victory festivities.

K. F. NARIMAN.

Misgivings In Matheran

The cat is out of the bag after all! The newly appointed Superintendent of Matheran recently called a meeting of a few selected persons—ten to be accurate—at "Mount Bungalow" to consider a proposal from the Commissioner, Southern Division, ostensibly for reorganising the Municipal Board. It is suggested that special representation should be given as follows:—

Bungalow Owners, 5 seats; Hotel owners, 2 seats; Railway, 1 seat; Electric Co., 1 seat; and rest, that is the original residents of the Hill Station—comprising the mass, a population of some 2,000—only 2!

We don't know why the Commissioner, Southern Division, should poke his nose and talk of reorganising the Municipal Board! He can and may, if he likes, inspect the Municipal transactions and hang anybody responsible for any gross irregularities he may come across in the administration, but he must know that it is not within his power to deprive the citizens of Matheran of their franchise by this back-door method. True, today the Government is not responsible to the people, but let him remember that that was so even with Hitler and Mussolini, and yet their days were numbered only a few days ago, giving a chance to the officialdom in India to celebrate the Victory Day! In view of the world currents, will the Commissioner, Southern Division, at once retrace his steps and allow Democracy to function in its extremely limited sphere at Matheran, without any further unwelcome interference on his side? Specially, because the public of Matheran have been benefited by the great improvements made in the civic amenities by the present Municipal Board under the presidentship of Mr. Shinde.

WAMAN P. KABADI.

"Farran Memorial Fund"

Mr. A. C. Farran, Principal of Karnatak College Dharwar will retire on the 15th of June 1945, after his long and memorable services to the college in particular and Karnatak in general. With the intention of appreciating his long services, past students of the College met together and resolved to collect a decent fund and out of the interest of the fund to maintain a scholarship, in his name. All the past-students of the College and those who are interested in the cause of education and upliftment of Karnatak are therefore requested to send donations before the 10th June, either to the undersigned or to the Treasurer Mr R. C. Patil LL.B., of Hubli. They are further requested to attend the meeting on the 15th of June, when Principal Farran retires.

K. S. PATIL,
Chairman

HAMBURG, May 17 (Reuter).—A vast requisitioning scheme to meet the human needs of about 100,000 slaves housed in more than 400 camps has been launched here.

ATTITUDES AND LATITUDES

By "BIRBAL"

(The views expressed in this column are not always necessarily those of the Editor.—Editor, "B.C.").

No Congress Ministry

When Birbal characterised the acceptance of ministry by Dr. Khan Sahib as collaboration a la Petain and called it "as great an impertinence as the present Indian manned Central Government", he was accused of using strong language. Later events, however, have fully justified that criticism. Dr. Khan Sahib had asked his countrymen then to "wait and see", and now after a lapse of hardly seven weeks, he coolly tells them that his acceptance of office "at present in practice involves participation in the general war effort". He maintains at the same time that he has taken the step "for the benefit of India in general and the people of his province in particular". Dr. Khan Sahib may be free to feel that by running the ministry and collaborating in the general war effort he is rendering useful service to his province and his country, but he can no longer deny having violated the decision of the Congress to abstain from participation in such effort. It is nothing short of direct contravention of Congress policy. One would like to know the reactions of Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan to Dr. Khan Sahib's statement. The former had publicly declared that he was opposed to office acceptance and he was further reported to have said that if he found that the ministry was not able to serve the people he would not hesitate to call upon them to resign. He is also believed to have given them three months' time to justify themselves. In view of Dr. Khan Sahib's latest admission, does not Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan feel that the time has come for him to call upon Dr. Khan Sahib and his colleagues to resign?

Birbal had also said that even Gandhiji had not the power to give Dr. Khan Sahib the right to call his ministry a Congress ministry. This view is borne out now by Gandhiji in his letter to the President of the Punjab P.C.C. Gandhiji says "no one has the right to speak in the name of the Congress, not even members of the All-India Working Committee who are out of jail. They can do so only when the whole committee is out". Surely after this Dr. Khan Sahib, if he does not resign, should at least desist from calling his ministry a Congress ministry.

In pleasing contrast to the surrender policy of Dr. Khan Sahib comes the dignified statement of the Congress President Maulana Azad, who writing to his nephew about the agitation for his release on grounds of health says that while in imprisonment nothing from outside disturbs him so much as such an agitation. That is the spirit that should guide Congress leaders who want to lead India on the path of freedom.

DORA Dies, Not DIR

In May 1940, while Section 18B was being used in Britain with a vigour —naturally never approaching the Indian standard—but remarkable all the same, to arrest and detain persons without trial, Hitler in a speech said, "The enemies of Germany are now the enemies of Britain too. The British have detained in Concentration Camps the very people we found it necessary to detain. Where are those much vaunted democratic liberties of which the English boast"? The question must have rankled in the minds of some of the members of the British War Cabinet, atleast, and the day the western war was over Section 18B also was over and if Sir Oswald Mosley wants to start his British Fascist Party again he can do so. But on that same day, if press reports are correct, the orders detaining two out of the working committee members still in jail, were extended—probably because the enemies of fascism are still the enemies of the Government of India. DORA is dead but DIR will keep the Empire safe.

Truth Will Out

As far back as 3rd March Birbal had drawn attention to the danger of a partition of Czechbalovakia through the annexation by Russia of Carpathian Ruthenia. Birbal was the only one in India to point out the threat and to sympathise with the Czechoslovaks in their tragic plight of losing one Sudetenland in exchange for another. Reuters now report from London on May 15 that M. Fieldinger, the new Czechoslovak premier, has revealed that an autonomous government has been formed in Carpathian Ruthenia and is seeking union with the Soviet Union. We have no doubt a most "free and democratic" plebiscite has taken place in the intervening two months since Birbal first broke the news.

The most interesting part of the story, however, is that appropriately enough on 1st April the Czechoslovak Consulate in Bombay thought it fit in their "Czechoslovak Information Service" to refute the facts revealed by Birbal and to describe the Russian-occupied parts of Czechoslovakia as a happy and free country, the only role of the Red Army being that of "supplying food, drugs and other essential commodities to the stricken people".

Birbal's disclosure was based on nothing less than authoritative and official radio broadcasts from Kiev, the capital of the Ukrainian Republic which is the beneficiary of this transaction. As regards the idyllic picture painted of conditions in "liberated" Czechoslovakia, we have the testimony of the "Sunday Times" of London of April 29 that "there is wholesale confiscation of food, fodder, cattle, clothing and technical stores by the Red Army". The "Tablet", another London weekly, of 5th May gives more details of the ugly realities: "The latest place in the catalogue of hermetical sealings is Czechoslovakia where exactly the same repressive measures have been taken by the Russians as in Poland; all wireless sets have been confiscated, all postal services outside the country suspended, all newspaper connections with the rest of the world stopped, except where the Soviet Union is concerned, and all newspapers published in pre-war days have been forbidden to resume publication. The humiliating position of the Czechoslovak Government is sufficiently shown in fact that it was Masaryk who proposed at the San Francisco Conference that the Lublin administration should be invited to send a delegation to the Conference there. Molotov supported the proposal. So did Tito's representative. Every one was against it. This is an example of what is known in America as "ganging up". The feelings of Benes as he sits entirely powerless at Kosice may best be compared to those of Petain sitting in his Montrouge fortress. Each has sufficient time to reflect how differently things have turned out to what he expected".

Birbal once again expresses sympathy with the Czechoslovak people who, with their democratic traditions, must find the new yoke as galling as the old. There is an old Indian proverb which says: "Those who live on the river bank must make friends with crocodiles". It is rather ungracious of them, however, if when an approaching crocodile is pointed out to them by a friend they insist on regarding it as a gentle dove! There are many things on which the "Czechoslovak Information Service" can usefully educate us. One of them is what the new Czechoslovak government is going to get, Teschen back from the Lublin Poles who have refused to part with that little bit of territory which was filched from Czechoslovakia before World War II broke out.

This India

"Everywhere workers came out (in Calcutta, on Victory Day) at the call of the Party in honour of their own Red Army"—"Peoples' War", 13-5-'45.

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White Paper On British Expenditure In India

"Sterling Balances" Not To Figure Among Select Committee's Terms Of Reference

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—In the fourth report from the Select Committee on British Expenditure in India, issued today as a White Paper, the Committee State that they have been unable to examine British expenditure in India in any detail and have had to content themselves with the broadest survey of facts that are ascertainable from responsible departments in this country.

The report outlines three aspects of general problems with which Parliament must be concerned. They are: (1) whether supplies obtained from India on British account have been economically procured; (2) whether the greatly increased British expenditure in India has avoidably aggravated the tendency towards inflation; and (3) what arrangements are contemplated for the disposal of the large Sterling Balance which has accumulated to the credit of the Government of India in this country.

FAIR PRICES

As to (1) such evidence as has been available to the Committee suggests that, taking all circumstances into consideration, fair prices have on the whole been secured for war stores and for food bought by this country.

Regarding (2), none of the evidence given before the Committee led them to conclude that expenditure under the control of British Departments has been a major factor which contributed to inflation with which the Government of India have been faced.

Nevertheless, the flow of exports unbalanced by imports which British purchases for war purposes has stimulated must, in some degree, have been contributary to the inflation of the Indian Currency which now exists.

As to (3), this is not a matter upon which the terms of reference to your Committee entitle them to comment.

Finally, it should be stated that although the Government of India have been accepted by the Treasury in the relationship of a "trusted agent" on behalf of His Majesty's Government, it is understood that the Treasury themselves have taken such steps as possible from time to time to ensure that purchases in India on behalf of His Majesty's Government have been made at prices which in all circumstances may be considered fair and reasonable

ORIYA AUTHOR DEAD

CUTTACK, May 17 (A.P.I.)—The death occurred suddenly in the General Hospital last night of Rai Bahadur Gopal Chandra Prahraj, well-known Oriya author, at the age of 73.

It is stated that the Rai Bahadur felt uneasy at night and became unconscious. He was admitted to the General Hospital and died within a short time there.

The Rai Bahadur was a popular writer in modern Oriya and author of seven volumes of the Oriya Lexicon.

Nizam's Action Against Gulbarga Police

Five Constables Dismissed For Assault On Aryan Leaders

HYDERABAD (Dn.), May 18. (A. P. I.): Five constables who took a leading part in a series of incidents which occurred at the close of the Gulbarga Aryan Conference on April 24, culminating in assault by a body of police constables on three Aryan leaders, have been dismissed from service, according to a "communique" issued by the Hyderabad Government.

This action has been taken by the Government as a result of a thorough investigation into the whole incident.

Departmental punishments of a lesser degree have also been imposed on a number of other constables involved.

As regards the Aryan volunteers who assaulted the police constables in the first instance, cases have been registered and are still under investigation.

The Government much regret the unfortunate tendency in some quarters to give this matter exclusively a communal aspect. Enquiries made show that the incident was in no way communal in origin. On the contrary, of the three constables originally assaulted by the Arya Samaj volunteers, one was a Hindu who received injuries necessitating his treatment as an in-patient in the hospital.

The Government are satisfied also that subsequent trouble was not a communal reaction but arose from general resentment of the armed reserve police against unprovoked assault on their comrades. "That these feelings of resentment provided no excuse for a insubordinate conduct of the police in assaulting Aryan leaders is fully recognised by the Government as is shown by the action now taken to punish those involved"

Kasturba Fund Trust Executive Meets

Vizag Rural Medical Workers Training Scheme Referred Back

MAHABALESHWAR, May 18 (U.P.I.)—The Executive Committee of the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Fund Trust met today again for three hours in the Morarji Castle under the chairmanship of Mahatma Gandhi.

The meeting referred back the scheme of a training camp in the Vizagapatam District for rural medical workers and midwives for further information required by the Medical Advisory Board of the Trust. The Committee adopted in principle the scheme presented by Prof. Jagdisan of Madras for a rural centre for leprosy for women and children in Vadalur in the South Arcot District. The Medical Advisory Board has suggested certain modifications in the scheme on receipt of which it will be sanctioned. A proposal for opening a small hospital for women and children and Adivasis at Kalasi in the Dehra Dun District of the United Provinces was also provisionally passed subject to the modifications suggested by the Medical Advisory Board.

The Committee also sanctioned a grant of Rs. 3,540 for the Maharogi (Lepers) Mandal near Wardha for housing and maintenance of women and children in their Home, out of which Rs. 3,200 are to be used for non-recurring purposes for construction of huts, etc. A scheme for maternity home at Singanallur in the Coimbatore District was sanctioned subject to modifications suggested by the Medical Advisory Board and further information has been asked for. This Home will serve women mill workers of the villages round about Coimbatore. It has been sanctioned out of the fund ear-marked for the purpose provided by some millowners of the Coimbatore District.

NEWS IN BRIEF

PESHAWAR, May 17, (A. P. I.): An earthquake shock of mild intensity was felt here this morning.

PESHAWAR May 17, (A. P. I.). Dr Khan Sahib, Premier, N.-W. F. P. has returned to Peshawar after studying the wheat situation in Kohat. He also visited a village where he effected a compromise between two parties of villagers.

CUTTACK, May 16 (A.P.I.)—It is understood that the Joint High Court of the Eastern States Agency will start functioning from this July, 1945, at Raigarh, with Mr. Justice Muhammad Ismail, formerly of the Allahabad High Court, as Chief Justice.

NAGPUR, May 16.—Sir Henry Howard, Consulting Engineer to the Madras Government in his report has made a number of recommendations to the Provincial Government. The cost of the first stage of electricity development may be about Rs. two crores.

JUBBULPORE, May 17 (U.P.A.): Seven passengers were killed and 20 others injured in a bus accident which occurred near Duranjanpur, about ten miles from Sathna. It is reported that when the bus was proceeding from Dewa to Sathna it dashed against a tree and turned turtle. The driver and the conductor who escaped were later arrested by the police.

SURAT, May 18 (A.P.I.)—The Gujarat and Kathiawad Shop Assistants' Conference will be held here on June 9 and 10. Mr Samaldas Gandhi of 'Vandemataram' will inaugurate the Conference.

All problems affecting the Gumasthas (Shop Assistants) including the question of application of the Gumastha Act to all towns in Gujerat and Kathiawad will be discussed.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

DUBLIN, May 17.

Mr. Eamon de Valera was loudly cheered when he entered the Dail this afternoon. All but one of the Opposition members remained silent. The demonstration was a sequel to Mr. de Valera's broadcast reply to Mr. Churchill last night. Mr. de Valera seemed deeply moved.

—Reuter's.

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Burma has been delivered and the seal of formality has also now been set on her deliverance as per the Boon announced by the British Government on Thursday.

It will be a Dead—sorry, a Red Letter day for the Burmans because on Thursday democracy and freedom came into their own after dealing a crushing blow to militarism and totalitarianism. Out of the devastation and suffering that were hers for three years, behold there she has arisen revived and rejuvenated into the Burma of 1919 refreshed further by a solemn pledge that she would taste the sweet joys and blessings, and live, through year to year, the entire period of 1919-45.

After which—words fail us. They would better too.

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The U. P. A. reports from London: "A Labour Party delegation ..... approached Mr. Amery on the resolution ..... passed in December. The delegation also asked for the release of Indian political prisoners and resumption of negotiations....."

There was no reply and the chair called the next question, we mean the next caller.

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The "Times of India" has decided to register severe moral indignation at "a disgraceful episode in Indian journalism", to wit the Amery-Jinnah correspondence forgery.

We are glad and thankful to our contemporary that it does not want India to imitate Zinoviev Letter writers in Britain.

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That it is certainly a "disgraceful episode in Indian journalism" must be accepted by all. "Indian journalism" must be kept free from such blots.

Also from journalistic inventions like (1) Dancing girls giving performances at A. I. C. C. meeting (2) and Kasturba walking all the distance from Victoria Terminus—or was it Dadar—to Birla House carrying her own luggage too and without any of the unfilial thousands of Congressmen taking any notice of her, let alone offering her a lift.

By the way, it may be that our memory is at fault but—did any one ever offer any apology any where about that journalistic episode?

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A light tremor is reported to have shaken the city of San Francisco on Thursday last.

The new Russian protest?

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Tokyo is anxious about the future policy of Soviet Russia—Press Report.

Why should there be any anxiety about a certainty? Probably the wishful Japs misunderstood Soviet attitude in acting as diplomatic go-between.

POONA CONGRESS BHUVAN NOT TO BE RESTORED

POONA, May 18 (A.P.I.): The Trustees of the Poona Congress Bhuvan have been informed, it is learnt, by the Home Department, Government of Bombay, that their request for the restoration of the Congress Bhuvan cannot be granted. No reasons for the refusal are specified.

The Congress Bhuvan was seized by the Government in August, 1942, and since the introduction of rationing in Poona, has been used as the Rationing Office.

TWO JAILED FOR FATAL ATTACK ON HAVILDAR

POONA May 18 (A.P.I.)—Found guilty of culpable homicide not amounting to murder, Mahadu Ganpat Vaidya was sentenced today to 8 years of rigorous imprisonment by Mr. C. B Nagarkar, Sessions Judge, Poona.

The accused, with six others was concerned in a stabbing case which resulted in the loss of life of Mohiudin, a Havildar. A companion of the Havildar was also seriously injured and two others were hurt.

Of the remaining six accused, Babu Shripati More was sentenced to 7 years' R.I and 2 years R.I. on two counts (causing grievous hurt and hurt), both the sentences to run concurrently, one turned approver and the other four were discharged as not guilty.

The fatal incident took place in the city in October last when the Havildar and his friends visited a place where the accused carried trade in illicit liquor and in a quarrel that arose over the question of liquor supplied, the accused attacked the Havildar and his companions.

U. S. ACTION AGAINST ELECTRIC CONCERNS

NEW YORK, May 17. (Reuter): A worldwide conspiracy in the distribution of electric storage batteries is alleged in the anti-trust civil action suit against the Electric Storage Battery Company and the Willard Storage Battery Company.

The main charge concerned the highgrade battery called "Cadium", the life of which is reported to be ten years or seven years longer than any other United States battery. The Government charged that the "Cadium" battery was kept from the United States market and caused a substantial difference in the operation of United States war equipment.

Allies Reject Jap Peace Terms

EMPEROR HIROHITO WILLING TO OVERTHROW MILITARIST GOVT.

PREPARED TO GIVE UP CONQUERED TERRITORY & ESTABLISH DEMOCRACY

SAN FRANCISCO, MAY 17. (Reuter) A Japanese peace offer to Britain and the United States has been received in San Francisco through Soviet diplomatic channels, it is learned on good authority.

Japan has made a peace offer to Britain and the United States, but it has been refused as it does not fulfil the Allied conditions of unconditional surrender, it is learnt on good authority here to-night, cables Serge Fliegers, Reuter's special correspondent.

The offer, it is understood, was taken to Moscow in a memorandum by a number of Japanese Nationals.

BIG BUSINESS MOVE?

The peace offer was received in San Francisco through a Soviet diplomatic channel. It was explained to Reuter by a source close to the Soviet delegation that the memorandum apparently came from Japanese big business men such as Mitsui and Mitsubishi, not from military circles.

THE MEMORANDUM, IT IS REPORTED, SAID EMPEROR HIROHITO WAS WILLING TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR CESSATION OF THE WAR WITH A POSSIBILITY OF OVERTHROWING THE JAPANESE MILITARIST GOVERNMENT.

The memorandum suggested, it is understood that Japan would be willing to give up her conquests, but the offer was based on the maintenance of the Imperial constitution.

It offered a complete reversal of Japanese policy, including free elections for a democratic Government.

The memorandum affirmed that Japanese war strength was still very great and was capable of carrying on a long war but it said, innumerable lives could be saved if an agreement was reached for the end of hostilities.

Conditions Of Peace Offer

The surrender offers made by the industrialists take this form:

Firstly, immediate withdrawal of all Japanese forces from the Malaya States and the Dutch East Indies, and immediate restoration to France of French Indo-China and Cambodia.

Secondly, Emperor Hirohito is to be left in power as head of a strictly non-military regime to be chosen on terms acceptable to the Allies.

Thirdly, attempted deal to protect the Japanese conquests in Manchuria and on the Chinese mainland.

Fourthly, settlement of the Pacific island mandates which will assure Japan sufficient imports to maintain the present population and industries."

The correspondent says, the spark which set off this new peace campaign was an American invasion of Okinawa, and the banning of the Imperial Rule Association is the first serious effort Emperor Hirohito has made to dissociate himself from military and naval extremists.

"The Emperor is believed in Washington to be taking advantage of the fact that Allies have never announced whether unconditional surrender would entail his abdication.

The next step planned by the industrialists, according to reports in Washington, is to overthrow the Army, Navy and Air High Commands as a further demonstration of their eagerness to come to terms—but terms short of unconditional surrender upon which Allies insist."

Warning To Labour Party

Mrs. Pandit's Message To Blackpool Conference

SAN FRANCISCO May 18 (Reuter) —Mrs. Pandit has sent the following cable to the British Labour Party Conference, which is opening in Blackpool, Lancashire, on May 21:—"The Indian people have lost confidence completely in the present British Government.

If existing conditions continue, they will also lose faith in the British Nation. British Labour can help to save the situation if, true to its own ideals of democracy, it takes steps to end the deadlock by release of untried political prisoners. Thus alone is any constructive amelioration of the situation possible."

Less Casualties Than In Last War

LONDON, May 18. (Reuter): Although the second European war lasted nearly 17 months longer than the first world war, the losses were very much lighter.

The comparative figures supplied by the War Office show that British Empire casualties in 1914-1918 amounted to 908,371 killed and 20,90,212 wounded, while in the 1939-1945 war the figures were: killed 306,984 and wounded 4,22,476.

LABOUR PARTY DELEGATION SEES AMERY

LONDON, May 17. (U.P.A.): A Labour Party delegation led by Arthur Greenwood, Professor Harold J. Laski, the party's vice-chairman, and General Secretary Morgan Philips yesterday appreached Mr. L. S. Amery on the resolution that the Labour Party's Conference passed in December contending that India's freedom and the establishment of an Indian National Government would be a decisive factor in the war against Japan.

The delegation also asked the release of Indian political prisoners and the resumption of negotiations giving India dominion status.

U. S. Casualties Over Million

WASHINGTON, May 17 (U.P.A.): United States casualties thus far tabulated total 986,214 since the beginning of the war. This means that with figures still to be tabulated, the casualty figures has passed the million mark.

How Mussolini Was Rescued

Mussolini was held in a closely guarded hotel at Gran Sasso in the Bruzzi mountains near Rome, said Skorzeny.

He was chosen by Himmler to lead the party to liberate Mussolini. The party was flown from Berlin to an airfield near Rome. Simultaneously the German First Paratroop Division flew from Southern France to Rome. He picked 81 men to make the attempt. In nine gliders they flew behind a guiding "stork" plane to the Abruzzi mountains where Skorzeny's glider and five others landed close to the hotel where Mussolini was held prisoner, the remaining gliders overshot the mark.

Going forward with eight men he held up the Italian guards. No shots were fired.

Skorzeny said he himself destroyed the communication lines to the hotel. Then on the terrace he saw Mussolini at the window. He rushed into the building got Mussolini out and within 15 minutes Mussolini was airborne and on his way to Vienna.

'FRISCO TO BE FIRST-RATE FIASCO?

(Continued from Page 1.)

than likely that trouble will arise from this in the future.

The big powers have had their say as was expected.

Everyone else is at the moment at any rate cowed and a little down—at heel.

Meanwhile the cauldron of despair which is Europe continues to rivet all eyes. The Polish Government in Warsaw has issued a memorandum which states that it reserves the right to demand "extradition" for the 16 Poles arrested by Russia, so that they can be tried by a Polish Tribunal for treachery against the Polish State".

INSULT TO HUMAN INTELLIGENCE

The reaction to this here is one of anger. It is an insult to human intelligence and the Soviet Government cannot possibly expect to get away with such childish skulduddery.

Another interesting piece of information also emanates from Moscow. The Russians claim that they have no English Channel and no Atlantic and Pacific Oceans to protect them from future aggression, so the world must understand and sympathise with their moves in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe. There is something to be said for this argument, but the fact remains that with Germany shattered there is no reason why Russia should baricade itself against anyone in this connection.

I have had some interesting talks with delegates of Central and South East European Powers and although, unfortunately, they are all off the record the overall impressions I gathered was that Europe, in the absence of France as a major power, had turned its face towards the East; and from this it is obvious that all Russia has to do is to play her cards properly, and continental hegemony is hers for the asking. I do not see what Great Britain can do about this, even were she to lead Western Europe in an entente. The balance of power would be hopelessly lop-sided.

There are many who believe that it should be so strong a Continental Power leading and guiding Europe that it will be the best guarantee to world peace. Too many cooks have spoiled the broth before, but who is there to keep the United Kingdom's long finger from every European pie?

A WISE CHOICE

Although U.N.C.I.O. is susceptible to all this, San Francisco, many thousands of miles away, was wisely chosen as the seat for this Conference. It is hoped the Peace Conference will also be held as far away from the Continent as possible to demonstrate the truth of the new atmosphere.

We have been invaded by Hollywood with all its attendant glitter. During the last week to a person who is extremely movie-conscious. It is extraordinary to see how thoroughly the great stars are neglected and ignored here. The delegates of U.N.C.O. still rate first priority with the autograph-hunters, and the stage has been reached when a movie queen announces that she does not belong to U.N.C.I.O. before she will scribble her name.

In this connection an amusing story is doing the rounds. Elsa Maxwell who was doing her best to tag on to the Russians, was assailed by a sweet young thing in the lounge of the St. Francis the other day. Beaming all over her three chins the world-famous hostess flourishing a large gold fountain-pen scrawled her name all over the page. The recipient took a quick look at the dots and dashes and tore the page out of her book. Elsa was astonished and demanded an explanation; whereupon she was told firmly but politely that she had been mistaken for Mrs. Molotov.

WILL 'FRISCO BE REAL FIASCO?

Regret introducing this piece of senseless levity; but the relief felt by all here that the U.N.C.I.O. has turned the corner is enormous. Never has a conference come nearer total failure and never has it been so close to a limited success.

EDEN ON 'FRISCO PROGRESS

Refers To Number Of Serious & Disquieting Issues In International Situation

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter): Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, in a brief statement to the Commons today on the San Francisco Conference said that good progress had been made—better in many respects than he had anticipated.

He was confident that the remaining difficulties would be overcome and that a Charter would be agreed upon which would be a better document than that of Dumbarton Oaks.

He added: "As regards the general international situation there are a number of serious and disquieting issues, some of them urgent. I would like an opportunity to talk them over with the Prime Minister and my colleagues, and at the same time the Government would, of course consider the question of their treatment, in relation, in particular to their discussions here.

EARLY DEBATE

"I would propose that there should be an early debate after the White Suntide recess on the international situation." He suggested a rearrangement of the House of Commons' business in the first week after the recess in order to accommodate a debate if desirable.

Mr. Eden said he was glad to have had a conversation of a helpful and friendly character with the President of the United States. He also had a full discussion on the international scene with the acting Secretary of State Mr Joseph Grew, on Tuesday.

"These exchanges were most useful to me", he said, "and they revealed, as the House will not be surprised to hear, how intimate is the understanding between our two countries and how closely similar is our approach to the problems of the modern world."

ISSUE WHITE PAPER

Mr. Aneurin Beavean (Labour) said "We do not expect Mr. Eden in anticipation of a debate to make any statement on the broad principles of Foreign Policy but there are very many administrative questions involved, such as the zones allowed to the different powers, directives of different kinds issued and kept secret for military reasons which do not now operate, will he, therefore cause a White Paper to be issued to enable us to see those details in advance of the debate and therefore, relieve him of the necessity of including them in his speech."

Mr. Eden said that he would consider that but others were concerned in any publication of that nature.

'CARTE BLANCHE' FOR HALIFAX

Go-Ahead With Anglo-American Compromise Plan On Trusteeship

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16 (Reuter): The British Delegation received a cable from London last night giving it the "green light" to go ahead with the Anglo-American compromise plan on trusteeship, and a "working paper" embodying the compromise was immediately submitted to the Trusteeship Committee says Reuter.

The new instructions from London it is understood, emphasised that there would be freedom for amendments in the Committee, and that there be no shuffling of existing mandates among Powers, but within these qualifications, gave Lord Halifax freedom of action in pressing the British case.

The Anglo-American Draft Compromise on the disputed "strategic" and 'non-strategic" mandated areas is understood to be based on the proposal that an area be first designated as area subject to trusteeship after which the power concerned may claim that any particular area has strategic importance—the claim passing to the Security Council for its decision.

London Indian Majlis Invites Mrs Pandit

LONDON May 17, (Reuter): Dr. Tarapada Basu, President of the London Majlis, on behalf of tion to-day to Mrs Vijayalakshmi Pandit, now in America, to visit England at an early date. The Executive of the London Majlis sent congratulations to Mrs Pandit on her successful Congress campaign in America.

The Oxford University Majlis and the Cambridge University Majlis have also sent invitations to Mrs. Pandit to visit England next month through Mr. J. J. Singh of the India League in New York.

INTER. COM. AND B. COM. EXAM. RESULTS

Results of the Intermediate Commerce Examination of the University of Bombay held in March, 1945:—

The following candidates have passed the examination:—

First Class (in order of merit) Nos.: 738 620 456 1153 1164 503 1154 1177 590 454 1176 427 477 726 1166.

Second Class Nos.: 6 11 14 15 17 20 37 45 59 61 64 80 88 95 97 105 111 112 117 142 146 164 170 176 185 190 220 227 234 277 357 360 361 377 378 384 414 420 425 436 431 433 436 442 443 444 445 449 451 452 453 458 459 460 463 464 467 471 473 474 481 485 487 488 493 495 496 507 512 513 529 532 549 555 561 564 568 567 570 571 580 581 585 594 595 597 601 606 607 608 611 612 615 625 641 646 649 657 658 685 687 709 711 715 716 729 733 734 736 740 743 744 755 757 760 765 766 769 771 776 779 780 784 797 827 872 876 882 899 929 954 955 967 9.0 977 995 1001 1005 1007 1010 1020 1045 1051 1055 1056 1058 1105 1111 1115 1121 1139 1147 1150 1155 1159 1160 1161 1162 1165 1174 1180 1183 1184 1185 1186.

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The following candidates have passed the examination: but the classes in which they pass will be announced later:—

Numbers: 692 730

The result of candidate No. 976 has been reserved.

The Scholarships have been awarded as under:—

1. The Mangaldas Harivallabhdas Commerce Scholarship has been awarded to candidate No. 620.

2. The Sir James Begbie Scholarship in Commerce has been awarded to No. 738.

SUPPLEMENTARY RESULT

Supplementary Result of the Intermediate Commerce Examination held in March, 1945.

The following candidates have passed the Examination:—

Second Class Nos: 489 490 501, 505 589 783.

B.Com. Exam. Results

Results of the examination for the degree of B.Com. held in March, 1945.

The following candidates have passed the examination:—

First Class (In order of merit) Nos.: 350 353:

Second Class Nos.: 3 4 7 41 51 78 82 86 90 100 108 115 117 119 127 145 146 147 153 160 191 196 211 214 215 217 231 233 235 240 242 261 280 305 320 334 348 354 357 360 378 407 427 428 445 446 454 460.

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Passed in additional special subject only Nos.: 492 494.

The result of candidate No. 45 is reserved.

The Scholarships and the Prize have been awarded as under:—

The M. R. DeSouza Scholarship divided between candidates Numbers 350 and 353.

The Mangaldas Harivallabhdas Commerce Prize has been awarded to candidate No. 350.

Results Of Ayurvedic Examinations

The following are the numbers of the candidates who passed the examinations of the State Faculty for Ayurvedic System of Medicine, Bombay, held in April, 1945.

First Examination: 9 13 18 20 22 25 26 29 31 32 34 35 37 38 41 45 50 52 53 54 55 57 59 62 63 71 72 73 74 75 76 81 83 84 87 94 96 98 98 99 102 105 106 107 108 109 113 115 116 117 121 122 123 127.

Second Examination: 133 134 138 139 142 144 145 147 150 155 156 157 159 160 163 165 168 170 172 173 174 177 183 184 188 195 198 199 206 209 211 212 213 215 219 220 221 222 223 224.

Third Examination.—228 229 230 231 232 233 234 235 238 239 240 241 243 244 245 248 249 250 254 255 257 258 259 260 263 264 267 268.

Fourth Examination: 270 274 277 282 285 287 289 291 292 294 295 297 303 306 310 311 313 314 316 320 321 324 328 333 335 336 337 338 339 340 346 349 351.

The following candidates have passed in the subjects in which they appeared:

First Examination: 124.

Second Examination: 132 149 152 153 161 171 181 185 190 191 201 205 214 216 217 218.

Stalin To Recognise Red China?

NEW YORK, May 17. (U. P. A.): Columnist Drew Pearson, in his column to-day, warns that Marshal Stalin may recognise at "any minute" the Chinese Communists.

Pearson said the greatest fear in the State Department is that Soviet recognition of Red China may result in another Luoim problem.

Chiang Re-elected

CHUNGKING, May 18. (Reuter): Generalissimo Chiang-Kai-Shek was re-elected Director-General of the Kuomintang, the National Peoples Party, by unanimous vote at to-day's meeting of the sixth party session.

Zafrullah Khan To Contact Indian Industrialists

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter): Sir M. Zafrullah Khan, Judge of the Federal Court, India who has arrived in Britain to spend a legal vacation, told Reuter today that his visit was purely for relaxation.

He intends to spend the week-end in the country, and will return to London on Wednesday or Thursday next.

While here, he will probably establish contact with the Indian industrialists who are now in this country though, he says, the contact will be purely social.

NEW YORK, May 17 (U. P. A.): Mosques in the Usbeck and Turkman Republics of the U. S. S. R. have been holding thanksgiving victory services, according to a Tass dispatch recorded by the Federal Communications Commission listening post.

Fourteenth Prosecution For Political Offence

Shibban Lal Saxena Charged With Refusing To Give Finger Prints

LUCKNOW, May 17. (A.P.I.): Mr. Shibban Lal Saxena M.L.A. (U.P.) who is undergoing ten years' rigorous imprisonment in connection with the August 1942 disturbances was again produced to-day before Mr. B. D. Sanwal, City Magistrate, Lucknow, charged with refusing to give his finger prints to the prison authorities.

The prosecution alleged that when a constable and a C.I.D. photographer went to take finger prints and photograph of Mr. Saxena armed with an order from the District Magistrate, the accused refused to comply with the order, on the ground that the order had not been served on him according to rules.

Addressing the Court, Mr. Saxena said "the present Government boasts that it proceeds according to law, but the order was not served on me according to proper procedure. The rule demands that the photograph should be taken by a police officer in a prescribed manner. None of the persons who went to take the photograph was in the rank of a sub-inspector".

Thereafter, Mr. Saxena filed a written statement, which was admitted by the court. The statement read "This is the fourteenth prosecution for some political offence or the other launched against me by the police since the Congress Ministry resigned. Some of the cases were withdrawn, some failed and as a result of others I am undergoing imprisonment now. I have been in jail practically ever since the Congress withdrew co-operation from the Government".

The statement added "This time, I am being told that I am prosecuted for refusing to give thumb impressions and finger prints and photographs, although no lawful order for the same has ever been served upon me under any valid law known to me. So actually, no offence has been committed. But my position is that even if any such humiliating law had existed and a duly valid order requiring me to give finger prints and photograph had been served upon me, still I would have considered it my duty to defy such an order, as I have done before on so many occasions".

The case was adjourned.

ASSAM PREMIER ASSURES RELEASE OF POLITICALS

SHILLONG, May 18 (U.P.I.)-Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan and Chowdhury Khaliquzzaman, members of the All-India Muslim League Working Committee proceeded today to inspect several select centres in the mofussil and examine at first hand Assam's vexed problem of settlement of land with emigrants.

In Shillong they discussed the problem threadbare with leaders of various groups in the League camp and heard Sir M. Saadulla, the premier in defence of the existing land settlement policy which formed part of the Congress-League Agreement.

Sir M. Saadulla explained to Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi and Mr. Bishweswar Sarma, members of the Parliamentary Board of the Assembly Congress Coalition parties, the steps so far taken by the new Cabinet implementing the various terms in the agreement subject to practical limitations.

The Premier is reported to have assured the release of all political prisoners and removal of restrictions on the others within the period stipulated in the agreement.

FREE FIGHT IN EXAMINATION HALL

CALCUTTA, May 18. (A. P. I.): The last day of the B. Com. Examination of the Calcutta University was marked by a free fight between the examinees, invigilators and the University staff on the top floor of the five-storied building of the University this morning.

The disturbance occurred about three-quarters of an hour before the examinees were due to submit their answer papers.

Glasspanes of windows of the spacious hall where more than 500 examinees were sitting for the examination, were broken, desks were overturned and ink-pots and ink-stands scattered on the floor.

Some persons, including the examinees and invigilators, were injured as a result of the disturbance and the Assistant Controller of Examinations, who appeared on the scene, had his wearing apparel besmeared with ink.

After some time, the examinees left the hall and held a demonstration in the courtyard of the university. The matter was reported to the Syndicate, who heard versions of both sides, at their weekly meeting in the afternoon and postponed its consideration till their next meeting.

Honouring Memory Of Bard Of Indian Freedom

Rajaji To Lay Foundation Stone Of Bharati Memorial

Sri R. Krishnamurthy, Editor, the "Kalki", writes:—"I take this opportunity of thanking once again the public of Tamil Nad and the numerous South Indians residing outside our province who generously responded to my appeal for funds for perpetuating the memory of our late nation poet Sri Subramania Bharathi, at his birth place at Ettayapuram. Over Rs. 42,000 were collected in less than three months and the money is deposited in the Indo-Commercial Bank, Ltd. Out of this, a sum of Rs. 10,000 has been set apart and placed in fixed deposit account, and arrangements have been made with the management of the Indo-Commercial Bank for the interest accruing from this Rs. 10,000 to be paid every quarter as life pension to Chellammal Bharathi, the revered wife of the late poet.

From the balance, it is proposed to build a suitable memorial for the poet, and the Raja of Ettayapuram has generously given a plot of land on which the memorial will be constructed. I have great pleasure in announcing that Sri C. Rajagopalachariar has kindly agreed to lay the foundation stone for the Bharathi Memorial building at Ettayapuram on Sunday the 3rd June 45. I hereby extend my cordial invitation to all those who have contributed for the Bharathi Memorial Fund and all lovers of Tamil literature to be present at the great function at Ettayapuram on the 3rd June 45. Friends who propose to attend the function are to give advance intimation to the Secretary, Bharathi Illakkiya Manram, Ettayapuram (Via. Kollpatti). Ettayapuram is a village seven miles from Kollpatti Railway station on the S. I. Ry.

NEWSPAPERMEN'S THREAT TO PACK UP & GO HOME?

They Chafe At Ban On Entry Into Moscow For Reporting

LONDON, May 18. (U.P.I.): Under the title "No admission to Berlin" Mr John Gilbert, correspondent of the "Star" at S.H.A.E.F writes: It was expected that American and British troops would move into Berlin almost immediately after the German surrender. The delay is due to unexpected complications and no solution I gather, is yet in sight.

"Moscow's attitude to the Press is a side issue of general interest. Russians are reluctant to admit into Berlin S.H.A.E.F war correspondents or Allied newspapermen who have covered war news from Moscow.

"I hear that British and American newspapermen in Moscow have protested strongly against the repeated refusal to allow them to see for themselves the worst bombed city in the world. Some have even threatened to pack up and go home.

"Russian attitude in this matter is perplexing. As things stand, correspondents may have to wait till the Allied Control Council set up headquarters in Berlin before being invited to the Reich capital."

U. S. TO RELINQUISH IT TO FRANCE

Part Of American Zone Occupation In Germany

WASHINGTON May 18 (Reuter).—Complete willingness of the United States to relinquish to France part of the American zone of occupation in Germany has been confirmed to M. Bidault, French Foreign Minister, and to the French Ambassador to the United States M Henri Bonnet.

News of this confirmation is given in a statement from the President.

London Stock Exchange

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter): Approaching holiday, coupled with week-end considerations, had a restraining effect on stock markets to-day. The undertone was however generally steady.

Interest again centred chiefly on industrials, but changes in this section were somewhat irregular. Radios were again a bright spot particularly Cossor which were helped by rumours of an increase in the capital for the purpose of developments. Store shares were also in fair request, but textiles in rather mixed. Cinemas were a trifle uncertain following the recent firm trend.

British funds generally maintained a firm appearance, while British railways failed to attract attention. Leading oils looked steadier than recently though the initial firmness was finally lost in a few instances.

International dollar stocks ruled quiet while foreign bonds were mainly steady, apart from some firmness of Japanese issues. South African gold mines failed to renew firm trend, small profit-taking resulting in a few minor losses. All London markets will remain closed on Monday.—

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Kelkar's Plan For India

Need For Determined Move By British Govt.

POONA, May 18. (U.P.I.): "I am not a prophet or a seer, but I can visualise the probable course of events about the further political progress of India" observed Mr. N C. Kelkar in an interview to the "United Press of India"

Mr. Kelkar added: "I would mark the steps as follows: Release of Political Prisoners; elections to the Central Assembly; withdrawal of Section 93 in the Provinces where Provincial Ministries may be formed, and, after that, elections to the Provincial Legislative Councils. The Constituent Assembly, if at all formed, will not come into being till the complete defeat of Japan. The interval will be occupied by revelations and speculations about the 'Frisco Conference."

"In the meanwhile, new election to the British Parliament will be held. But neither will the Cabinet take up the Indian question, nor will it be a Parliamentary Party question for a year or two. The Constituent Assembly is bound to show up the uncompromising nature of political parties in India. And British Statesmen may naturally excuse themselves from taking practical steps towards progress making the fullest use of the differences of opinion amongst the Indians.

Personally, I would like to scrap the Constituent Assembly as almost superfluous. For, the Act of 1935 contains a good framework of the future Constitution of India. An expert Parliamentary draftsman will know how to insert new clauses and modify old ones, so as to embody the best progressive Indian opinion about the future Indian Constitution. A Parliamentary Statute so framed will not, of course, be up to the mark; but there will be immediate delivery of something substantial to go upon."

"Pakistan is now practically dead. There will be no difficulty in bringing Indian States into federation. What is really required is the determined jump forward by the British Government itself which, we are entitled to expect at the present psychological moment after the defeat of Germany and the tributes paid to the co-operation of India in the war efforts."

Amendment To Iron And Steel 'Order'

NEW DELHI, May 18. (A. P. I.). A notification published in to-day's "Gazette of India" amends the Iron and Steel (Control of Production and Distribution) order, 1941, so as to allow free transaction between stockholders in India. The stockholders are no longer required to obtain a permit to acquire or dispose of iron and steel as between themselves.

Unlawful Possession Of Military Stores

LAHORE, May 18. (A.P.): For being in unlawful possession of military stores Kundan Lal Suri, proprietor of the National Industries Ltd., was convicted by the District Magistrate under section three of the military stores (illegal possession) ordinance, 1943, and sentenced to three years rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 20,000 or in default, to undergo rigorous imprisonment for another year.

DEVELOPING HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER STATIONS IN C.P.

NAGPUR, May 17. (U.P.I.): That the Provincial Government should set up a Provincial Electricity Department, that for the purpose of supply, the Province should be divided into five Power Districts, viz, Nagpur, Akola, Jubbulpore, Raipur and Chanda, and that the Government should lay down and adopt an electricity policy are the salient recommendations of Sir Henry Howard, consulting engineer of Madras, who recently visited the Province to explore the possibilities of development of hydro-electric and thermal power stations in the Province with a view to accelerate industrialisation.

Kerala Muslim Majlis

NEW DELHI, May 18 (A.P.I.): Mr. A. M. Khwaja and Dr. Shaukatullah Ansari, President and Secretary respectively of the All-India Muslim Majlis have left for Malabar to participate in the Nationalist Muslim Conference to be held in Calicut on May 20 and 21, under the auspices of the Kerala Provincial Muslim Majlis. Mr. Khwaja will preside over the conference.

Mir Laikali At Karachi

KARACHI, May 18 (A.P.I.): Mir Laikali, a prominent businessman of Hyderabad (Dn.) and member of the Indian Industrialists' Delegation to the United Kingdom and the United States, arrived in Karachi on his way to England. He is being accompanied by Mr. Habibur Rehman, Director of the Commerce and Industries Department, Nizam's Government.

New York Cotton Cloth Market

NEW YORK, May 17 (U. P. A.): The deadlock in trading on the Worth Street cotton cloth market continutd to-day, with the trade preparing to comply with revised War Production Board regulations governing the second quarter production of print cloth yarn.

Constructions were withdrawn pending the outcome of Washington conferences on price rollback.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURN

London, May 17.

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Total Bullion	1,527,000
Public Deposits	17,100,000
(a) Other Deposits	245,200,000
Government Securities	203,900,000
(b) Other Securities	13,100,000
Notes, Gold and Silver Coin	40,000,000
Notes in Circulation	1,261,600,000
Ratio of Reserve to Liabilities	15.84 p c
Other Deposits include Bankers Deposits	184,900,000
(b) Other Securities include Discounts and Advances	13,000,000
Total Deposits	262,300,000
Total Securities	217,000,000

THE INDIAN SCREEN

LEFT: The very first still to appear in print from "Ek Din Ka Sultan", a Minerva Movietone production in the making. It stars Mehtab who is to be seen in the foreground of the picture. RIGHT: A scene from Prakash's forthcoming "Vikramaditya."

BEARDING A FILM LION

By SARDI

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An invitation from Minerva Movietone took me, along with several pressmen, to the famous studio in Sewree where "Ek Din Ka Sultan" is under production. In the vast grounds, a lovely Moghul garden has come into being. Rustom Banker, who has erected this set, is to be complimented on the clever result. There is but one thing lacking in the garden as Mr. D. C. Shah, Bombay's oldest art critic, pointed out—there are not enough cypress trees which invariably lend charm and grace to a Moghul 'goolistan'. However, this is a defect that can be easily remedied. Every Tuesday and Thursday, between 3 and 5 P.M., the garden is thrown open to the public. This is indeed a wise move for it encourages interest in the industry amongst its host of supporters.

After strolling through the garden set, we were taken to see Sorab Modi the veteran actor-director-producer and head of Minerva Movietone I must confess that I was expecting to be amused by the posing and the conceit, as I imagined them, of this famous personality. I was very pleasantly surprised to find a most unassuming and friendly individual whose charm quickly won our hearts. There are no frills and furbelows to this man. He talks sensibly, and not in glowing superlatives, of his achievements in the film world when he is asked about them. **He even accepts criticism with good grace and, what is more, admits any shortcomings you may point out to him, if he thinks them justified.** There is nothing of the dictator about him—a fault to which many in his position are prey. He does not strike one as a man who makes films solely as an economic proposition. Art for art's sake is easily believable in his case. He is one of our oldest artistes who entered the acting and producing arena at a time when it was considered the monopoly of harlots and procurers and when it paid small dividends. His love of art and perseverance have helped him to reap a rich harvest of popularity. But, be it said to his honour, he wears his laurels with becoming modesty.

READY TO ENCOURAGE NEW TALENT

The question cropped up as to why one sees few new faces on the screen instead of many of the present aging ones which are usually accompanied by ponderous waist-lines. **His answer was that there are not enough young men and women coming forward to take part in films.** "When they do," said he, "they expect to be cast in leading roles all at once. They are unwilling to play small bits or to work as extras. But in the film line, as in every other, one has to begin at the lowest rung of the ladder. I am willing to encourage anyone with talent who is not afraid of hardship."

One cannot quarrel with the latter part of his statement. Girls and boys who wish to be in films must face this fact. Many of our most popular stars have risen to fame after great hardship. Fame is not a gift that the gods pour into one's lap. It is, in the words of Milton, "....the spur that the clear spirit doth raise... to scorn delights and live laborious days."

★

Forthcoming Pictures

"Nal Damayanti"

This Janik production tells the story of a royal love. Sobhana Samarth and Prithviraj play the leading roles. The direction is by Kumarsen Samarth, the music by Ramchandra Pal.

★

"Preet"

An imposing array of players has been lined up for this Krishin Movietone production: Swarnalata and Nazir who have both scored a tremendous hit in "Laila Majnu", Snehprabha Pradhan, Chandramohan, Gulab and Gope. The story tells of love not only as between man and woman but also as between two friends. The musical score has been in the hands of Bhulo C. Ranee. This picture will be released in the near future.

★

"Nek Parvin"

The late Agha Hashr Kashmiri wrote the story for this production which is the next one on the D.R.D. list. Ragini who has proved so disappointing in 'Shirin Farhad' has been signed up for the female lead. Let us hope that in this picture she will have a role more in keeping with her own personality.

★

"Panna"

This Navyug social will shortly be on the local screen. Geeta Nizami will make her film debut in this picture which stars Jairaj with David, one of our best character actors, and Kusum Deshpande in support. The story recounts the adventures of a girl at the time when the Japanese occupied Burma and the Andamans. At last, it seems, that atleast one producing unit has come down to earth and attempted to portray the stark reality around us. The picture contains nine songs and four dance numbers.

★

"Yateem"

This picture is scheduled for release at the Minerva as soon as 'Lady Doctor' terminates its run.

This is the second picture to come out of Central Studios. Zia Sahardi besides writing the screenplay, has also directed it and composed its songs. It is to be hoped that his versatility has not been over-stretched.

"Yateem" exposes on the screen the squalor of slumlife thus hitting at a social evil which should be eradicated. The cast includes Yakub, Lalita Powar, Chandraprabha, David and Uday Kumar.

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STAGE SHOW

The troupe of young dancers who made quite a name for themselves some months ago, in Bombay, with their ballet entitled "The Spirit Of India" and that clever folk dances, are returning to us after presenting over a score of shows at Calcutta.

Besides the old numbers, the programme will contain a new composition called "Bhatiali" to be staged at the Baliwala Theatre for 5 days starting on May 23 and ending on May 27, both dates inclusive. The rates of admission are: Rs. 10, 5, 3-8, 2-8, 1-4 and 10 as. Reservations: People's Theatre office, C/o Prof. Deodhar's School of Indian Music opposite the Opera House.

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NEWS FLASH

CALCUTTA, May 16. (O.P.I.): It is learnt that Devika Rani, the famous film star and senior partner of Bombay Talkies, is going on a tour to Europe and it is also understood that she might sever her connections with Bombay Talkies.

Prithviraj as Dushayant in his stage version of "Shakuntala."

Reviews In Brief

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Central: 3rd Week

"Laila-Majnu"—A love idyll of old Arabia transcribed on the screen by Hind Pictures, under the capable direction of Nazir who also plays the male lead with fire and gusto. Swarnalata makes an effective Laila. The music is by Rafiq Gaznavi.

★

Super: 4th Week

"Sawan"—a Sanjeevan Art Productions social which brings Motilal and Shanta Apte together for the first time. Director: Dwarka Khosla.

★

Minerva: 5th Week

"Lady Doctor"—Mumtaz Shanti and Ullhas, the 'Basant' pair, are reunited in this Venus picture directed by Walli Saheb.

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Alfred Talkies: 2nd Week

"Koel"—Roop Shorey has directed this Shorey Pictures musical comedy which stars Manorama and Majnu.

★

Capitol: 3rd Week

"Shirin Farhad"—This is Dalsukh Pancholi's version of the story of the two lovers immortal in Persian legend. The greatness of the theme is marred due to miscasting of the main roles. Ragini, as Shirin, does sometimes assume a semblance of beauty; but double-chinned Jayant is entirely out of place as Farhad. The sets redeem the film to a certain extent.

★

Opera House: 1st Week

"Bharathari"—Mumtaz Shanti, Surendra and Kajjan head the cast of this Navin picture which portrays the life of a king, great in legend, and his overwhelming love for his wife who becomes a prey to jealousy which breaks up their happy relationship. Director: Chaturbhuj Doshi—Music: Khemchand Prakash.

★

Kamal And Broadway: 4th Week

"Panchhi"—This is a musical starring Manorama and Ajmal, made by N. I. Studios and directed by Barkat Mehra with music by Amarnath.

★

Majestic: 5th Week

"Kiran"—Ashok Kumar and Lila Chitnis are starred in this Ramnik production.

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Roxy: 5th Week

"Phool"—A Famous Films production with an imposing list of stars including Prithviraj, Sitara, Veena, Mazhar Khan and Yakub. Ghulam Haider has been responsible for the musical score. Director: R. Asif.

★

Lamington: 15th Week

"Ismat"—This Fazli Brothers' social will appeal greatly to women, portraying as it does the vicissitudes of their sex. Mehtab and Nargis are in the cast.

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Imperial: 16th Week

"Aina"—Yusuf has directed this D.R.D. production which deals with the problem of a second wife.

★

West End: 13th Week

"Chandragupta"—A garbled version of historical facts produced by Jayant Desai. Ishwarlal, Renuka Devi and Nyampalli are in the cast, the last-named stealing all the honours.

★

Swastik: 89th Week

"Shakuntala"—This adaptation by Shantaram of Kalidasa's classic seems to have an ever-green appeal, judging by its long run. Jayashree plays the name part. Chandramohan is miscast in the role of Dushyant, Colour—ghastly.

★

Krishna: 23rd Week

"Chand"—Prem Adib and Begum Para in a pleasing light musical made by Prabhat.

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Novelty: 8th Week

"Pannadai"—Pradeep present a glorious page from Rajput history with Durga Khote and Chandramohan heading the cast.

Arabian Sail Boat Runs Aground

NOVA GOA, May 18 (A P I): An Arabian sail boat proceeding to Basrah, which, towed by a steam launch was crossing the mouth of the river Mandovi near Aguada yesterday, broke loose and ran aground, sustaining heavy damage. Most of the cargo consisting of cocoanuts, copra oil, sugar, tinned food and drugs estimated at Rs. 100,000 was cast into the river. There was no loss of life.

A fleet of all country craft available in the harbour was busy throughout the day collecting, under the supervision of the customs authorities, the goods floating in the river and storing them in government godowns.

Countrycraft Transport

BOMBAY, May 17 (A.P.I.): A meeting of the representatives of Government, commercial bodies and other interests concerned in the transport of cargo by countrycraft will be held here on May 22 under the chairmanship of Mr. L. T. Gholap, Controller of Shipping.

BOMBAY GOVT. TO RESCUE

Efforts To Avert Further Stoppage Of Ahmedabad Mills

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, May 18.—In reply to the Majur Mahajan's telegram regarding coal shortage and the workers' grave concern owing to the stoppage of mills, the Government of Bombay observe that they are taking all necessary steps for supplying coal and trying to avert further stoppage and that the telegram has been sent to the Textile Commissioner for careful consideration

The Ahmedabad Millowners' Association has sent a circular to all mills asking them to use 17 per cent of firewood or oil cakes in the absence of coal. The Assistant Textile Controller told the Press yesterday that purchase of cloth on ration card will not apply to Khadi and rough cloth but only to finer qualities.

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SPORTING NEWS

EAST BENGAL BEAT B. & A. RAILWAY

CALCUTTA, May 18. (A. P. I.): East Bengal just managed to scrape through in their first Division Calcutta Football League match with B and A Railway.

Last year's holders of the I. F. A. shield and won the match by a solitary goal to-day.

The game ruled to be of a scrappy nature in the first half which ended barren. East Bengal scored the all-important goal of the match midway in the second half much against the run of play. Early in the period, they were lucky to have been able to avert a goal being scored against them. S. Bose, the Railway Forward, when he looked a scorer all over was bottled up by the East Bengal defenders in front of their goal mouth

Result: East Bengal 1, B and A Railway 0.

Walk-Over For Leaguer

BEZWADA, May 18 (A.P.I.): Mr. Mahboob Ali Baig, (Muslim League) has been declared elected unopposed to the Central Assembly from the North Madras Mohammedan Constituency his rival candidate Munshi Fakir Mohammed, having withdrawn his nomination papers in favour of Mr. Baig.

The Sportsman's Sportsfolio

By J. C. MAITRA

It seems Women's hockey has suddenly become very popular in Bombay. The large crowd present at the B.P.H.A. ground on Tuesday last to witness the Killedar Cup final bore clear testimony of it. Undoubtedly they expected a keen fight between two old rivals who may be put down as two of the best sides not only in this city but in the whole of India. While the Bombay City had the distinction of topping both the B.P.H.A. and the Parel Leagues the Proctor Ladies had bagged the Hayes Cup. The contestants did not disappoint the spectators. A fast and thrilling game entertained them all from beginning to end.

BOMBAY CITY LUCKY

Bombay City were really lucky to win the match. No doubt their forwards made a grand rally in the last few minutes of the contest and worried the Proctors' defence considerably. But little Pansy Thomas and Edna Arklie in the deep defence were more than a match for them all. Were it not for the presentation of a brace of goals by their custodian, the Proctors might have retained their lead till the last. Although it was apparent from the beginning that Pansy and also Beulah Loveday, Proctors' pivot and captain, were not in their best colours, they worked as strenuously as even to hold the invaders at bay particularly the spirited incursions of Jean Moir at the right flank. Actually the Proctors led for 40 minutes, Marie Austin and Sheila Thapa scoring for them, with Peggy Dow reducing the margin, or rather equalising after the first goal was notched.

PROCTORS' GOALIE AT FAULT

It is possible the Proctors slackened a little at this stage feeling rather secure about the result, which gave the City the opportunity they needed to turn the table on their opponents. Then Peggy Dow was seen in an inspired vein. Judiciously fed by her Skipper and pivot, Mrs. L. Lynn, she essayed several raids on the Proctor citadel and ultimately found her efforts crowned with glory. After she levelled up matters for the City, Edna Gardner scored the winning goal a couple of minutes before the final whistle. Both these goals might have been easily saved by the Proctor goalie, as the ball passed her slowly to cross the line. She could have stopped it or kicked it away without any difficulty. But what prevented her from doing either I can not tell. Anyway, her inability or failure sealed the fate of her side.

BOMBAY GREY'S HOPES

In addition to the two teams mentioned above Bombay Greys have carved a niche for themselves in our hockey firmament. This season was rather unlucky for them as they missed all the honours, barring the runners up position in the Hayes Cup, very narrowly. The Proctors were responsible for dashing all their hopes to the ground. Twice they led against them in the Hayes and Killedar Cups in the final and semi final respectively, and twice they lost in an unaccountable manner. There is however no doubt that the praiseworthy efforts made by Lorna Reed to train a large number of players will bear fruit before long

ALL-INDIA COMPETITION

It is indeed gratifying to note that the setback caused to women's hockey in the early stages of the war has now passed away. There are larger number of teams and players playing now than ever before. The general standard of play is rising gradually with the top class forging ahead steadily. It is hoped that the All-India Tournament which was inaugurated at Delhi a few years ago will be revived soon, so that the teams which are growing in several parts of the country as pointed out by Mr. Angelo Moses in the "Chronicle", will have an early opportunity of measuring their strength I have every hope that Bombay will come out with flying colours. In any case it will give us an idea how Bombay and other parts of India have progressed in this branch of sport.

Steel Shares React But Dyeings Steady On Large Interest

BULLION MARKET QUIET ON MODERATE REALISING

Cotton Rules Steady On Short Covering

BOMBAY, May 18.

All city markets were influenced by Jap's offer of peace terms through Soviet. However there was no important price movement.

The upward march on the Bombay Stock Exchange was interrupted by a reactionary selling. It being a week-end session there was some more disposition to even-up open interest. This resulted in some liquidation in steel shares. The firmness of Bombay Dyeing shares was mainly due to the short position as seen from heavy backwardation charges. As a result of day's trading Tata Steel Dfds. lost Rs. 26/- and Ordinary Rs. 5/-. Bombay Dyeings gained Rs. 5/-.

Cotton market was fairly steady with a moderate business passing. There was some short covering while traders were inclined to await declaration of rights on options.

Bullion market was quiet with some realising after the recent sharp improvement.

The local Share Bazar was influenced by Japanese peace rumours and it being week-end session there was moderate realising in steel shares but cotton mill shares were steady. Trading was restricted and fluctuations were narrow. Tata Steel Dfd. Shares opened at Rs. 2,107/- and declined to Rs. 2,097/-. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 395/- and quietened at Rs. 393/-. Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1,870 and declined to Rs. 1,865/- but again rallied to Rs. 1,870/-. Kohinoor Mill Shares opened at Rs. 607/- and steadied at Rs. 608/-.

TEXTILES: Ahmedabad Advance 420, Apollo 3/15, Bharat Spg. 60, Bom. Dyeing 1871/4, Colaba 219/8, Cent. India 375, Century 900, Edward 635, Elphinstone 80, Dawn 1080, Finlay 289, Gokak 297 Hindustan 3610, Indian Bleach 160, India Unit. Ord. 14/6, India Unit. Def. 2/15-3/4, Indore 707/8, Khatau 312/8, Kohinoor 612, Lakshmi 1305, Madhovji 17, Model Nagpur 235, Madhusudan 390, Meyer 200/10 Morarji 697/8, Mysore 280, New Great 372, Phoenix 625, Podar 310, Sassoon Silk 79/8, Sassoon Cotton 20/8, Shrinivas 352/8, Simplex 265, Svadeshi 524, Swan 306 Tata Mills 58/8, Vishnu 472/8, Western India 3580.

INSURANCE: Bombay Life 875, Empire Life 1090 Vulcan 17/3, Oriental 6600 New India 78, Jupiter 66/8 Indust. Prudent 51, Indian Mercat. 69/8.

HYDRO & ELECT.: Ahmedabad Electric 245/10, Andhra Valley 1730, Ajmere 14/12, Bom. Tram 143/8, Broach 12/12, Poona 300, Karachi 221/4 Surat Old 235, Surat New 110, Tata Power 1817/8, Tata Hydro 203.

BANK: Baroda 136/8, India 186, Central 78/8, Dena Bank 67, Imperial F. P. 1995, Reserve 136/8, Habib 78, Uco 69/8, Imperial F. P. 493/12, Union 8/11.

PREF. SHARES: 7 p c And. Valley 1710, 6 p c Bom. Steamer 361/4, 7 p c Bom. Tram 67/12, 7 p c Bradbury 525, 5 p c Cent. India 737, 7 p c Elphinstone 125/10, 6-12 p c Jupiter 18/14, 6 p c Tata 1st 223/12, 7-1/2 p c Tata 2nd 164/12, 6-1/2 p c Tata Hydro 163, 7-1/2 p c Tata Power 1776/4, 7 p c Vishnu 802.

DEBENTURES: 4 p c And. Valley 107 4 p c Tata Power 107/10, 4-1/2 p c Bom. Steamer 104/12, 4 p c Tata Chem. 128, 6 p c Mars. Price 121.

RAILWAY: Ahmedabad Pranlij 722, Cent. Prov. 108, Hoslarpur 117/4, Mandrabhoin 110, Mymensingh Rld. 111, Memensigh Gtd. 111/4, Sarasirajguni 112, Sialkot Nar. 120.

MISC.: Alembic 320, Alcock 422/8, Asso. Cement 237, Burma Old 231/4, Burma New 198/12, Belapur 216 B. B. Petrol 5/7-3/4, Bom. Steamer 547/8, Invt. Trust 110, Prem. Con. 218/8, Port Canning 103/4, Scindia 34/2, Shivrajpur 50 Tata Chem. 18/10, Tata Oil 68/4, Tata Ord. 393, Tata Def. 2095, Wimco 316/4, B. I. C. 6/3, Burma Corp. 5/13, Bradbury 297/8, Dharamsey Chem. 48, Indian Irons 40, Indian Copper 2/15-1/2 Steel Corp. 33, Jaipur Bank 66/8, H. C. Bank 52/8, New Vict. Ord. 7/3, New Vict. Pref. 8/6, Raza Textile 73/8, Rampur Maize 43, Jamwire 144/8, Dhrangadhra 425, Cawnpore 13.

GOLD AND SILVER

The Reserve Bank of India sold to-day 150 bars silver at Rs. 128/12 and 35,000 tolas gold at Rs. 75/12.

The local market opened steady but declined on peace rumours from Japan. There was moderate realising but spot demand remains still at a high level.

Forward Gold opened at Rs. 75/- and declined to Rs. 74/12 under moderate selling. At this level there was renewed buying and gold advanced to Rs. 75/6 but again declined to Rs. 74/10 on renewed liquidation. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 75/10.

Trading in forward Silver commenced at Rs. 128/12 but on increased selling quotation declined to Rs. 128/- and later steadied at Rs. 128/4. Ready Silver was placed at Rs. 128/12.

Later on the market was steady with short covering. Gold was firm. Closing quotations were as under:—

	Rs.	as	p.
Ready Gold	76	3	0
Gold Settlement	75	3	0
Sovereigns	51	4	0
Ready Silver	129	4	0
Silver Settlement	128	12	0

BOMBAY COTTON

The local cotton market opened today at Rs. 415/8 for July and declined to Rs. 413/8 under scattered selling. At this level there was increased buying on Japanese peace rumours and July advanced to Rs. 417/- but under renewed selling declined to Rs. 415/-. Tone of the market was steady.

In the afternoon the market was dull with a restricted turnover and July was quoted at Rs. 415. The market closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. May	400	0	0
I.C.C. July	415	0	0
I.C.C. Sept.	429	0	0

Cotton Parity

Indian Cotton July Contract is 690 cent points under New York at Exchange rate 331.

High And Low Cotton Prices

BOMBAY, May 17.

I.C.C. May Highest 401-1/2, Lowest 395 Closing at 6 p.m. 400-3/4.

I.C.C. July Highest 414, Lowest 406-1/2. Closing at 6 p.m. 413-1/2.

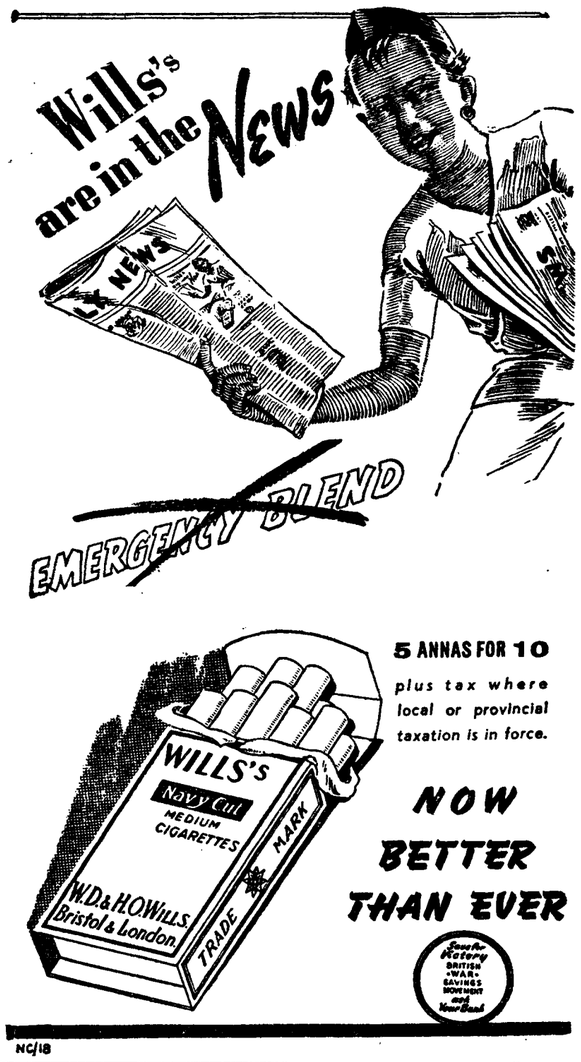
I.C.C. Sept. Highest 429, Lowest 421, Closing at 6 p.m. 428.

Karachi 4F July Highest 41/12/6, Lowest 40/14/0, Closing at 6 p.m. 41/10/0.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

BOMBAY, May 18.

Tata Ordinary 393, Tata Deferred 2095, Indian Iron 40, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 33, Bombay Dyeing 1871/4, Central India 372/8, Century 900, Gokak 297/8, Kohinoor 611/14, Simplex 265, Andhra Valley 1730, Tata Hydro 203/2, Tata Power 1830, Associated Cement 237, Belapur 216/4, Bombay Burma (Old) 531/7.



Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, May 18.

MILLS.

Apollo 3/15, 6 3/14/6 3, 15
Bharat 60
Bharucha (Defd) 8, 3
B. Dyeing 1866/4 70 66/4 70 57, 8 75 62/8 75 71/4
Central India (Ord) 373/8 70 73 72/8
Century 900
Edward Textile 620 35
Elphinstone (Ord) 81 80
Finlay 290/8 88 89
Gokak 298/8 96 97
India United (Defd) 3/0/6 2 15, 9
India United (Ord) 14/5/6 14/5 14/6 14/4/6 14/6
Indore 713/12 697/8 710 7, 8
Kohinoor 609 11 8 9 6 9 6/8 13 12
Luxmi Cotton 1305
Meyer 200/10
Morarjee 697/8
New City 355
New Great 372 73 71 73 72
Phoenix 625
Sassoon Silk 78
Shrinivas 352/8
Simplex 267/8 65 67 65
Swadeshi 523 21 23 21 25 23/8 24
Swan 306 5 6
Tata Mills 58/8
Vishnu 472/8

BANKS.

Baroda 136/8
Central 79 78/8
Imperial (Old) 1995
India 186
Imperial (New) 493/12
National Savings (P. P.) 37/8
Reserve 136/8 36 36/8
Union 8/10

ELECTRIC.

Ahmedabad 246/14 45/10
Andhra Valley 1730
Tram (Ord) 143 43/8
Tram (Pref) 67/12
Surat 232/8
Hydro 203
Power 1817/8

INSURANCE.

British India 21/8
Mercantile 69/8
New India 78/8 78
Vulcan 17/13
Bombay Steam 547/8
Scindia 34/6 34/2 34/4 34/2
Tata Steel (Defd) 2112/8 5 7/8 2097 8 2105 2090 2103/12 2091/4 2100 2095
Tata Steel (Ord) 396 96/8 93/8 94/8 91 94/8 92/8 93/8 93
Tata Steel (2nd Pref) 164/8 65 64/12

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 422/8
A. Cement 237 35/8 37/8 37
Belapur 218 16
Burmah (Old) 532/8 30 32/8 30 31/4
B. B. Petrol 5/6/6 5/8 5/7/9
Dharamsey Chemical 45
Indian Bleaching 160
I. I. Trust 112/8 10
P. Construction 217 16/8 18/8
Port Canning 103/4
Shivrajpur 50
Tata Chemical (Ord) 18/10 18/8 18/10
Tata Oil 68/8 68 68/4
Western India Match 318/12 (Ex. Div)
Hoshiarpur Rly 117/4

Bullish Crop Advices Harden N. Y. Cotton Prices

NEW YORK, May 17 (Reuter): Cotton opened steady and unchanged to five points up. The opening gains on overnight price-fixing and the trade buying were extended under the leadership of new crops with buying based on unfavourable crop and weather news and belief that the commodity credit corporation buying programme may be continued in the coming season and bullish Textile news while scarcity of contracts was a contributing feature. The reported Japanese peace feelers were ignored by the market. The session closed steady.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, May 17

July	22.86+05
July highest (11 a.m.)	22.86+05
July lowest (10 a.m.)	22.81
October	22.35+11
December	22.22+09
January	22.19+09
March	22.11+09
May	22.00+08
July	21.75+08
Middling Spot	23.31+05

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, May 17

July	22.35+05
October	22.33+10
December	22.21+09
January	unquoted
March	22.10+09
May	21.98
Middling Spot	22.40+05

LONDON BULLION.

London, May 17.

Spot 25-1/2. Forward 25-1/2. Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8/8/0.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, May 17.

T. T. London on:—

New York sellers 4.01-1/2, buyers 4.03-1/2, Madrid official 44.00, Montreal sellers 4.43, buyers 4.47, Zurich sellers 17.3, buyers 17.4, Stockholm sellers 16.85, buyers 16.95.

LONDON WHEAT.

London, May 17.

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe (New Crop) unquoted Wheat Australian (Bulk) unoffered, Wheat Australian (Bags) unoffered

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, May 17.

Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c £72-3/4. Consols 2-1/2 p c £83-3/8. Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961 £106. War Loan 3-1/2 p c £103-3/4. Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90 £113-5/8. Victory Bonds 4 p c £113-11/16. Chartered Bank of I. A. & China £12-3/8. Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.) £87 National Bank of India £44.

U. S. Public Debt

WASHINGTON, May 17 (U. P. A.): The U. S. public debt through Tuesday, May 15, amounted to U. S. dollars 237,066,484,252 as compared to last year's total of U. S. dollars 187,396,323,689.

Imports Of Indian Raw Cotton In U. S. A.

WASHINGTON, May 17 (Reuter): The United States War Production Board has announced that applications for the importation of raw cotton from the Indian West Coast may be filed by any person wishing to import this cotton.

The United States Office of Price Administration established ceiling prices on May 16 for domestic sales of new military sand bags and bulap sheets imported to the United States from India. Prices range from 6-30 to 6.85 cents F.O.B. at a United States port.

The foreign economic administration has arranged with the Government of India to purchase 30 million surplus sand bags by United States importers.

Wall Street Quotations

NEW YORK, May 17.

Wall Street opened firm and moderately active. Mercerated stocks held the recovery although scattered issues declined on light selling. The principal bullish factor was the persistent hope that the shift of many companies to normal production would be under way soon and entail fewer difficulties than previously anticipated. Gains up to one point maintained majority towards noon in slow dealings. Profit-taking appeared in the afternoon and top gains of more than one point were reduced in the majority of cases. Peace issues retained the following on the persistent idea that consumer spending would enhance earnings as soon as the return to normal operations was consummated. The market closed very steady.

Closing prices: American Telephone and Telegraph 166 (165.1/2), Amerex Corporation 32-1/2 (29-1/8) ex. div., Anaconda Copper Mining 34-1/2 (34-3/8), Chase National Bank 41-3/8 (41-3/8), Consolidated Oil 16-1/8 (16-1/4), Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co. 62.1/2 (62-1/4), General Electric Company 43-5/8 (42-3/8), General Motors 68-1/4 (68.1/8) ex. div., Igersol Rand 117 (117-1/2), International Nickel 35 (35), National City Bank of New York 41-1/2 (41.1/2), New York Central Rail Road Co. 25-7/8 (25-3/4), Socony Vacuum Corporation 16.1/4 (16), Texas Corporation 52-3.4 (52-3/4), Union Carbon and Carbide 91-1/2 (91), U. S. Smelting refining Mining Co. 67-1/4 (67), U. S. Steel Corporation (Common) 66-1/8 (65-3/4), Western Union Telegraph Co. 46-3/4 (46-3/4).—Reuter.

New York Bank Shares

NEW YORK, May 17 (U. P. A.): There was little change in prices of shares in New York City banks in to-day's over-the-counter trading.

Closing prices of National City Bank of New York shares were:

Bid 41 1/2, Asked 43; compared to the previous day's close at 41 3/8 bid and 42 7/8 asked.

Government Securities

BOMBAY, May 18.

	Rs.	as.	p.
3-1/2 p c G. P. Notes	100	1	6
3 p c 1963-65	99	0	0
3 p c 1966-68	98	3	3
4 p c 1960-70	112	11	0
4-1/2 p c 1955-60	117	0	0
3-1/2 p c 1947-50	103	11	0
2-3/4 p c 1948-52	100	0	0
3 p c 1946 Def.	102	0	7
3 p c 1949-52	101	7	0
3 p c 1951-54	100	14	0
3 p c 1953-55	100	8	9
3 p c 1957 Vict.	99	15	6
4 p c B. P. T.	113	12	0
4 p c M. Deb.	113	12	0
5 p c M. Deb.	121	0	0
6 p c M. Deb.	130	0	0
6 p c M. P. T.	130	0	0
TAX-FREE LOANS.			
5 p c 1945-55	101	12	0
4 p c 1953-63	122	8	0
5 p c Mysore	135	0	0

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, May 17

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 7/32 1 and 2 months.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 1/4 3 to 6 months.

B. C. Rates: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 3/32.

LDN/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327 1/2.

LDN/MONTREAL:

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 3/4

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AGGRESSIVE BUYING IN CHICAGO GRAINS

CHICOGO, May 15.

Chicago grains ruled active and firm on aggressive commission house and commercial buying attributed to sustained demand for nearby shipment of cash grains and unfavourable weather and crop news and persistent strength of winnipeg rye and expectations that the promised increase in meat subsidy will stimulate demand for food-grains.

Closing Prices: May 1.76-1/2 to 1.76-1/2 (1.75-1/2 to 1.75.1/2); July 1.64-3/4 to 1.64.7/8 (1.63-1/2 to 1.63-5/8); September 1.60-7/8 to 1.60-7/8 (1.50-7/8 to 1.60)

RAW SUGAR BAGS FROM INDIA.

WASHINGTON, May 15. Reuter): The War Production Board will authorise private importation of raw sugar bags for shipment from India into Puertorico and Cuba via the United States during the secondhalf of 1945.

Few U. S. A. Applications For Indian Wool

NEW YORK, May 17 (U.P.A.): Relatively few carpet and rug manufacturers and no dealers in the United States have applied for quotas of Indian wool under the War Production Board's import arrangement, the "Journal of Commerce" reported today.

This was said to be due to the fact that the U. S. manufacturers and dealers were awaiting the beginning of delivery of large quantities, for which the Government of India has persistently refused to grant export licenses.

CHICAGO GRAINS MARKET

CHICAGO, May 17 (Reuter): Chicago grains eased attributed to Technical considerations and forecast of warmer weather in the South-West and the reported Japanese feeler for peace. Maize displayed independent steadiness presumably reflecting trade advices that France was enquiring for three Million Bushels and export that wetness in most parts of the belt was hampering seeding operations.

CLOSING PRICES: May 1.76-7/8 to 1.76-7/8 (1.76-7/8 to 1.76-7/8), July 1.64-1/8 to 1.64-3/8 (1.65-1/8 to 1.65), September 1.61-3/8 to 1.61-3/8 (1.61 5/8 to 1.61-3/4).

Discussion On Cotton Problems

WASHINGTON, May 17 (Reuter): Industry representatives have agreed after the conclusion of a three-day meeting here to discuss cotton problems that the drafting of the post-war programme for cotton must await the outcome of International Agreements such as the Bretton Woods monetary proposals as well as the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, both of which are now under consideration by the Congress. Meanwhile it is definitely decided that an industry conference will be held at Memphis in Tennessee on May 30 and 31.

London Bullion Market

LONDON, April 3.

Messrs. Samuel Montague & Co. have issued the following quarterly bullion letter:—

GOLD.

The amount of gold held in the Issue Department of the Bank of England was unaltered at £241,718.

The Bank of England's buying rate for our gold remained unchanged at 168 per fine ounce, at which figure the above amount was calculated.

The gold output of the Transvaal for the months of January and February 1945 is given below together with the figures for the corresponding months of 1944 for the purpose of comparison:—

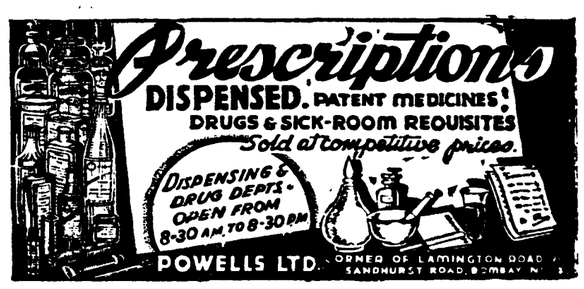
January 1945, 1,029,384 fine ounces.
February 1945, 985,869 fine ounces.
January 1944, 1,029,398 fine ounces.
February 1944, 969,017 fine ounces.

SILVER.

The new method of quoting silver in the London Market, announced at the end of 1944 came into effect on January 2nd, 1945 when the official price was fixed at 25-1/2d. per ounce .999 fine for both cash and two months' delivery, this showed a slight advance as compared with the old price of 23-1/2d. per ounce standard (.925 fine), which is equal to 20.38d. per ounce .999 fine.

Throughout the first three months of the year price remained unaltered at the new figure and there was no change in market conditions. Supplies continued to be made available at the official price by the authorities and small offerings were forthcoming from production sources the silver from both quarters still being strictly reserved for the requirements of essential war industries.

In Bombay, prices showed a fairly wide variation, but both the highest and lowest for the three months under review were recorded in January, the highest was Rs. 133-2-0 and the lowest Rs. 119-12-0 per 100 tolas, giving sterling equivalents of about 64d. and 57-1/2d. per ounce .999 fine respectively. Sales of silver continued to be made in the market by the Reserve Bank of India, otherwise the main feature appears to have been the periodic reactions to the war news from the various fronts.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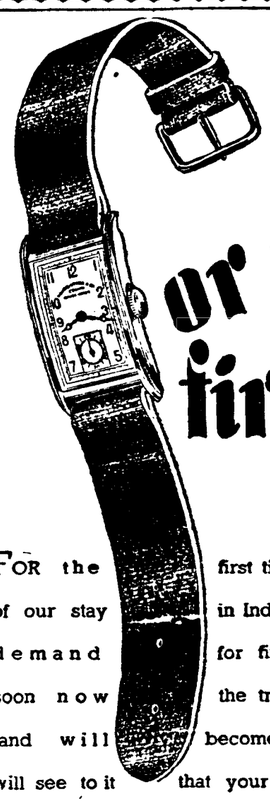

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Head Office—National Insurance Building,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a MEETING of Life Policyholders of the Company for the election of Three Directors under Section 48 of the Insurance Act 1938 will be held at the Head Office of the Company at 7 Council House Street, Calcutta on Tuesday the 21st August, 1945, at 3 p.m. Persons holding policies of life assurance issued by the Company and having been in force at the time of the election for not less than six months shall be eligible to vote.

Every policyholder who desires to attend the meeting is required to apply to the Company for a certificate of admission. Such application is to reach the Company not less than 2 months before the date of the meeting, and the Company on being satisfied that the applicant holds a policy of Life insurance issued by the Company not less than six months before the date of election shall issue a certificate at least one month before the date of the meeting. Such certificate shall, if applied for by post be sent only to the address of the policyholder, or if applied for in person, be delivered only on production of the relevant policy and shall be accompanied by the names and addresses of the eligible persons prepared to accept office whose applications have been received under the Rules. Certificates must be produced in order to obtain admission to the meeting.

Applications in writing in English or Bengali language from eligible persons prepared to accept such office are invited by Registered Post so as to reach the Head Office of the Company not less than 2 months before the date of the meeting, giving their names and addresses and the numbers of and amounts of the sums insured by the policies by virtue of which they claim to be eligible for election.

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Provided that the assignment of a policy to the person who took out the policy shall not disqualify that person from being eligible for election as a director.

By order of the Board of Directors.
K. M. NAIK,
Manager.
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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the following temporary posts for the office of the Special Officer, War Injuries Compensation Insurance Scheme, Bombay, and should be addressed to the said Officer at Haroon House, 3rd Floor, behind Reserve Bank of India, Bombay, so as to reach him on or before the 25th May 1945:—

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AUCTION NOTICE.

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	LOCATION.	DATE & TIME.	NAME OF AUCTIONEER
1.	Army Salvage Depot, Ghorpuri (Poona).	23-5-45 11 A.M.	M|s. Nusserwanji Sorabji & Co., 94, Main Street, Poona.
2.	Ghi Heating Centre, Kamptee.	25-5-45 11 A.M.	
3.	Port Salvage Depot, Haji Bunder, Sewri, Bombay.	25-5-45 11 A.M.	M|s. Gandhi & Co., 72, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay.
4.	Salvage Transit Depot, Kamptee.	26-5-45 11 A.M.	
5.	Salvage Sub-Depot, Trimulgherry (Secunderabad-Dn.)	28-5-45 11 A.M.	M|s. Vazir Sultan & Sons, 194, Oxford Street, Secunderabad-Dn.
6.	M. T. Breakdown Depot, Nasik Road.	28-5-45 11 A.M.	M|s. F. Esoofally & Co., 3|4, Sadar Bazar, Deolali.
7.	Salvage Sub-Depct, Nasik Road.	29-5-45 11 A.M.	-do-
8.	M. T. Breakdown Depot, Trimulgherry (Secunderabad-Dn.)	29-5-45 11 A.M.	M|s. Vazir Sultan & Sons, Secunderabad.
9.	Government Timber Depot, Sewri, Bombay.	30-5-45 11 A.M.	M|s. Gandhi & Co., Bombay.
10.	M. T. Breakdown Depot, Dehu Road.	31-5-45 11 A.M.	-do-

Further details can be had from the Auctioneers and the materials to be auctioned can be inspected at site by previcus arrangement with the stockholder.

Terms and conditions governing the Auction Sales will be announced by the Government Auctioneers prior to the commencement of the auction. (3293)

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY LTD.
(Incorporated in Great Britain).

DECLARATION OF BONUS

On "North British" Life Assurance Policies for the 5 years ended 31st December, 1944.

The Directors have declared a COMPOUND REVERSIONARY BONUS at the rate of RS. 10 PER RS. 1,000 PER ANNUM for "With Profit" Policies, calculated on the sum assured and existing bonus.

It is regretted that it will not be practicable to issue the usual Bonus Notices on this occasion.

BRANCH OFFICE—276, Hornby Road, P.O. Box No. 520, BOMBAY. 3274

IN BASIC SOLUTION OF CLOTH FAMINE.

Oriental Cotton Cultivation & Mills Ltd.

Regd. Office:—162, Bowbazar Street, Calcutta.

Cotton Garden:— Estd. 1943 . Mills Site.

Tripura Cotton Estate. **DIVIDEND** GARIA,

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1943 ... ... **10%**

1944 ... ... **15%**

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WANTED AGENTS FOR SALE OF SHARES

Particulars on request:—

Managing Director.
Mr. D. GANGULY, M.A.

GOVERNMENT OF ADEN
ASSISTANT ENGINEER

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the above appointment in the Public Works Department at a salary of Rs. 300-20-500 per mensem, plus war allowance ruling at the time (at present Rs. 30 per mensem).

The successful candidate will be on agreement for 3 years but will then be considered for appointment to a permanent post.

Free second class passages for the successful applicant and his wife will be provided on his first appointment and thereafter for earned leave which accumulates at the rate of 1|11th: of residential service up to a maximum of 120 days.

While on agreement contributions to the Government Provident Fund will be made at the rate of 5% of salary both by the candidate and Government.

Free quarters are not provided.

Applicants should possess an Engineering Degree from an approved University and have had considerable experience in the design and construction of large buildings. An Architectural qualification would be an advantage.

Applications in Candidate's own handwriting endorsed Assistant Engineer stating age, caste, qualification training and experience together with recent testimonials should be forwarded to the undersigned as early as possible.

W. L. OSBORNE,
Director of Public Works,
ADEN. (3299)

SHA HURGOVAN ANANDJI DESAI CHARITIES

APPLICATIONS for help will be received by the above Charities till SATURDAY, the 2nd June, 1945, from High Caste Hindu Students (boys or girls) studying or intending to study in Schools or Colleges but cannot do so for want of means.

Forms of application will be sent on receipt of two annas postal stamps or on payment of anna one personally at the Trust Office.

MANILAL K. DESAI,
Secretary,
H. A. Desai Charities Trust Office.
Corner of Pinjrapole Street,
Bombay 4. 3287

BOMBAY, BARODA & CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY

The Government of India have appointed Mr. W. R. Maunder, A.R.C.S., D.I.C., F.R.S.A., F.P.W. Inst., J.P., Chief Engineer of the Broad Gauge System of this Railway as officiating General Manager, vice Dr. H. J. Nichols, D.Sc. (Lond.), M.I.C.E., A.M.I.M.E., J.P., on leave for six months with effect from the 18th May, 1945. 3286

NOTICE

WANTED experienced FITTERS, TURNERS WELDERS, MACHINISTS CARPENTER MISTRIES MASON MISTRIES, PATTERN MAKERS and MOULDERS for Cement Factories. Employment permanent with free housing accommodation, free Medical Attendance, etc. Good Prospects for really First Class and experienced men. Apply with testimonials and stating age to Box No. 2752, "Bombay Chronicle".
(Sanction Bombay E-Ex-No. 1).

PUBLIC NOTICES

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA
Central Office, BOMBAY.

IN ORDER to secure adequate representation of the minority communities on the supervising staff of the Reserve Bank of India it is proposed to fill five Assistants' posts by recruitment from members of those communities. Applications will be received from non-Hindu candidates on the following terms:

(1) Applicants must be of good social standing and must at least be graduates of a recognized university of India, the United Kingdom or the United States of America. Preference will be given to those who have passed the examination of the Institute of Bankers' in India, England, Scotland or Ireland and to those who have had previous banking experience.

(2) Applicants must not be less than 21 or more than 25 years of age.

(3) Before appointment the candidate will be required to undergo a medical examination by the Bank's Medical Officer and to be passed fit for service in the Bank.

(4) The successful candidates will be required to be on probation for a period of 3 years during which time they shall be liable to discharge at one month's notice or pay in lieu of notice.

(5) The applicants must be prepared to serve at any office of the Bank in India or elsewhere.

(6) The selected candidates will on appointment in the Bank's service be entitled to draw salary on the following scale in addition to the dearness allowance which may be sanctioned by the Central Board from time to time:

Probation .. Rs. 200-25-250
On Confirmation Rs. 300-20-500

In all other matters the conditions of service of the successful candidate will be governed by the Reserve Bank of India Staff (Assistants) Rules 1944, a copy of which will be supplied to him on his selection.

(7) Applicants may be called for interview and examination at Bombay at their own expense if such course is considered desirable.

2. Applications which shall be in a special form to be obtained from the nearest office of the Reserve Bank not later than the 15th June, 1945, shall be addressed to the Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India, Central Office, Staff Section, Bombay and must reach him not later than the 30th June, 1945. Applications from candidates in the employment of other Banks must be forwarded through the Manager of the office in which the candidate is serving.

3. The Bank does not undertake to acknowledge the receipt of applications and will not enter into correspondence regarding them. (3238)

NOTICE

SCHOLARSHIPS for Advanced Studies in foreign countries. Applications are invited from students belonging to the Deshastha Rigvedi Brahmin Community, who are desirous of going abroad for the prosecution of higher studies in the following branches:—

(1) Mechanical Engineering (for example, internal combustion engines, railways, locomotives and Diesel tractions, etc.)
(2) Chemical Engineering.
(3) Metallurgical Engineering.
(4) Textile Engineering.
(5) Radio Engineering (Radio location, manufacture of valves and other radio parts, etc.
(6) Cinematography (for example, sound recording and photography).
(7) Automobile Engineering.
(8) Plastics—natural and synthetic.
(9) Wood and wood products including plywood.
(10) Ceramics

The candidate must have a good career and sound physique. He must have secured a first class in B.Sc., B.E. or other appropriate degree. Only those possessing these qualifications need apply to the undersigned, for the application form and the terms and conditions of the Scholarships on or before 10th June, 1945.

V. K. DESHMUKH,
Laxminarain Baug, Y Road,
P.O. Mahim, Bombay 16
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POLICY LOST OR MISPLACED

POLICY No. 143380 issued by the Empire of India Life Assurance Co., Ltd., on the life of Mr. Nariman F. Mehta is reported to be LOST or MISPLACED. Anyone finding the same or claiming any interest in same should communicate with the Manager of the Company, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, within a month from this date after which no claim will be considered.

Dated 16th May, 1945.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

VICTORIA JUBILEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
Central Technological Institute,
(Bombay Province)
Matunga, Bombay.
(Established in 1888)

NEW ADMISSIONS
SESSION 1945-46
DIPLOMA COURSES

1. Mechanical Engineering.
2. Electrical Engineering.
3. Textile Manufactures (Cotton)
4. Technical and Applied Chemistry.
5. Sanitary Engineering and Plumbing.

Each course is of four-years' duration divided into eight terms of six months each. Fees Rs. 65|- per term for bona fide Bombay Province Candidates; Rs. 90|- for others. Admission on Entrance Examination to be held on 11th June.

SHORT COURSES

CLASSES HELD ON SATURDAY MORNINGS:—

1. ENGINEERING APPRENTICE CLASSES: For men working in Engineering Works—Two years' Course, comprising four terms—Fees Rs. 20|- per term.
2. TEXTILE APPRENTICE CLASSES: For men working in mills. Two years' Course—Either Spinning or Weaving—Fees Rs. 45|- per term. Entrance Examination for new admissions on Saturday 2nd June.
3. WIREMAN APPRENTICE CLASSES: Instruction in Marathi as well as English—Six months' Course—Fees Rs. 20|-. New classes start on 9th June—No Entrance Examination. (Note—Admissions to the session commencing in June 1945 are closed).

CLASSES HELD ON TUESDAY & FRIDAY EVENINGS:—

4. ELECTRICIANS' CLASS: Instruction in English only. Fees Rs. 50|- One year's Course—New classes start on 8th June—No Entrance Examination. Admission open to those possessing the Wireman's Certificate.

COURSE OF TRAINING IN RADIO SERVICE WORK:—

5. Duration one year—Theoretical and Practical Training provided—Classes held on three evenings a week—Fees Rs. 100|- for the Course—Entrance Examination on 11th June—New Course starts on 18th June—No Entrance test for F. Y. (Physics and Mathematics) passed candidates.

Only limited seats available. For application forms and other particulars apply to the Principal and Secretary, with STAMPS for postage. (3295)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
Office of the Controller General of Civil Supplies,
1st Marine Street, Kalbadevi,
Bombay—2.
PUBLIC NOTICE.
PRICES OF CONTROLLED BRASS UTENSILS

THE CONTROLLED UTENSILS as defined in the Brass Utensils Control Orders 1944-45 are to be sold at the prices stamped on them irrespective of the revision of their prices from time to time.

(Sd.) C. C. DESAI,
Controller General of Civil Supplies.
(3296)

B. B. & C. I. RLY.
ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ON TRAINS

With effect from 21st May, 1945, Reservations may be made for any station 15 days in advance. 3302

ORIENTAL GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Policy No. 154387 on the life of Mr. Ramchandra Laxman Phadke of Poona City is lost and that the surrender value in entire cancellation of the Policy will be paid to the assured unless objection is lodged with us within one month from this date. All claims after the expiration of the said period of one month will be considered, waived and of no effect.

(Sd.) H. E. JONES,
Manager.
Bombay, 19th May 1945.
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NOTICE

OFFERS ARE INVITED by the undersigned for the sale of a very valuable undermentioned freehold property situate at Forjett Street, Gowalia Tank Road.

SCHEDULE.

Land together with the bungalow, servants' quarters and a cottage standing thereon, situate at Forjett Street, Bombay, containing by admeasurement according to the last title deed one thousand two hundred and twenty-nine square yards and according to Cadastral Survey one thousand two hundred and seventy-six square yards or thereabouts bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1|645 of Malabar and Cumballa Hills Division and Municipal D Ward No. 3392 (1) and Street Nos 55 and 57. The monthly rent of the property is Rs. 555|-.

For further particulars apply to the undersigned.

Messrs. R. E. PAPA & CO.,
Attorneys for Mr. Shavakshaw Sheriarji Patel,
41, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay.
and
Mr. Dinshaw Cawasji Neturwalla,
Lam Road, Deolali.
Dated this 16th May, 1945.
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